

DISTRICT Manager C. P. Dodson of the Texas Power & Light Company affairs in this district, is attending the convention of the big company this week in New Orleans. Before leaving for the Crescent City, Mr. Dodson stated to a Messenger reporter: "I am going to take time off while on the trip to put in some good ticks for our town and county. You know every little bit helps, and if we citizens would remember Delightful Decatur and Wonderful Wise on our trips and tell the people we meet of the splendid opportunities we have in our section, much good would no doubt result." Mr. Dodson carried a bundle of advertising matter about Decatur, the milk shipping center of the southwest.

IF A FARMER, living and owning property within a district that has voted upon itself a special highway tax, is compelled to pay the tax assessed on gasoline for the purpose of building and maintaining the same highway that is constructed and maintained by the special tax, is not that farmer being taxed too much; is he not being assessed a double tax? This question rose in the brain of the perpetrator of this column when Henry Askey, operating a farm southeast of Decatur, told us that he had purchased two hundred and twenty gallons of gasoline for his farm work, and the tax on the gas was \$6.60. This \$6.60 was collected by the state for the fund that is to be expended on the building and maintaining of the highway which is being repaired and maintained by a tax voted on Mr. Askey several years ago. If Mr. Askey is called upon to pay a Meridian Highway tax, then the gasoline route, is he not being doubly taxed when he is commanded to shell down the twenty-two cents on the hundred dollar valuation of his property thru the special tax route for the same purpose?

HERE may be better men in congress, and there may be congressmen up there who are more patriotic than Tom Blanton, but up to the present day no such animal has appeared in the law making body of our national congress. He is a prominent Decatur citizen. A gentleman went a little further with his estimate of the Abilene congressman and said: "They say that Blanton is a cheap-skate politician and a flim-flamer, but when you produce his record in congress his critics close up like clams. In my opinion and I remember I have never been a shouter for Blanton—he has done more constructive work in behalf of the people than any man in the lower house. He is saying a deal, I know, but what other man has fought the grafters and pilferers as this man has fought them? He has saved thousands of dollars to the tax payers of the country—and come to think about the man and his record, the people of Texas could do worse in electing him to the senate. Tom Blanton is sober; is not a high-flyer in the poker playing circles, and he has no record as a user of the cocktail drinking and the pretentious female contingent in our gay capital."

MARVIN BROWN SMITH of Farmersville, over in Collin county, was here on a visit to friends and relatives first of the week. The first place he hit after arriving in town was Messenger office. "To see the force and view the old haunts." He and the editor of the pioneer paper of Wonderful Wise are old friends and associates in all endeavors that were ever put forth in printing and publishing a country newspaper. "Way back yonder, when we were stripping 'intelligent compositions' we were together on Decatur publications. Later together we undertook the hazardous work of operating a newspaper for a little bunch of dissatisfied citizens, who had banded together for the purpose of rescuing the government from a blood thirsty octopus—that was the name of the capitalist group in those days. Subscriptions were paid in pumpkins and surplus meadow hay, and as neither of us had a hankering for pumpkins and were not the proud possessors of anything that could consume hay, we soon found the going heavy and surrendered our rights and privileges to the owners of the printing plant. We divided the goods we had accumulated during the partnership, Marvin taking the cedar water bucket and the writer getting the brindle cat that had taken up with us. Years later we came together again, buying the Messenger, when the owner and proprietor was called to work in the Lord's vineyard. With nothing in the line of assets except a full grown confidence that we knew the printing business, the how in making a country newspaper, plenty of spizzierinkum and an indebtedness of more than two thousand dollars we blazed out. The venture was a success, and soon the paper was one of the recognized leaders in the country field. For more than fifteen years we loved and labored together. Three years ago the partnership was dissolved, and my long time friend and associate took over the Farmersville Times—and his splendid training and ability in the newspaper game are reflected, and the Times is one of the outstanding publications in that section. For more than thirty years we have been friends, and during all that time the bonds have been as strong as steel."

SUICIDE CLAIMS LIFE OF WOMAN NEAR DECATUR

Worry Over Failures of Crop Believed Cause of Awful Deed

Mrs. Emma Eidson, about twenty-seven years of age, wife of Cube Eidson, farmer, living on the Mrs. M. H. Fox farm, twelve miles southeast of Decatur, was found dead in her bed room early Monday morning. The body was on a bed, and nearby were a thirty-two calibre rifle and a razor. In a rear room a number of blood smudges were found on the floor. A bullet wound in the left breast and an ugly cut on the right side of the neck were the tell-tale evidences of the tragic end the desperate woman had selected to bring to a close her earthly career. A cotton string had been tied to the trigger of the rifle, and in jerking it Mrs. Eidson pulled it apart, and in her hand was found a piece of the string. Death was instantaneous, as the rifle bullet passed thru her heart.

Accounting for the blood spots found in the rear room, it is believed that the crazed woman first attempted to cut her throat in that room. The razor was bloody when found on the bed.

Mr. Eidson stated to Squire H. E. Brady, who was called to the scene, that his wife had time after time threatened to kill herself, and recently she made an attempt to shoot herself. She brooded over the hard luck that had come to her family thru crop failures, it is said, and gradually her mind gave way, causing her to commit the awful tragedy.

At the time Mrs. Eidson shot herself other members of the family were at the home of a neighbor. When they returned the woman's body was found on the bed in her bed room.

The following letter, supposed to have been written by Mrs. Eidson, was found among some clothing she had left at the Corinth church in the neighborhood, where she had stopped en route about to see relatives, a husband, but growing weary, she returned home, leaving her bundle of clothing and the letter which she wrote to while in the church. The letter was written on pieces of wall paper and a paper sack, and says:

"This is Cube Eidson's wife. Sick, please leave it to God and I come here for a purper. God bless you all, pray for the sold that is gone. My name is Emma Eidson. Don't curse my husband with my life for he is not the cause of it. Please I am the cause of it myself."

On the piece of paper sack was the following: "He cursed me writing to other men and God knows I did not do that is why I don't want to live any longer. My life is up. None of my folks love me as they ought. Emma."

Better Kitchen Contest Is To Close Next Week

Home demonstration club women who entered the kitchen contest are putting the finishing touches on their kitchens this week. Mrs. Dick Collins and Mrs. W. L. Dallas will make the final scoring next week, and names of the two winners will be announced in the early part of May.

Prizes of fifteen and ten dollars, offered by the Decatur chamber of commerce, will enable these two winners to attend the farmers' short course at A. & M. College in July.

After the county contest closes the first prize winner will have a chance to carry off the district prize and the state prize, which are given by the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News and A. & M. College. Miss Myrtle Murray, district home demonstration agent, is to judge the kitchens in this district during the month of May.

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Wise County Ladies Plan Trip to Denton

College of Industrial Arts, in cooperation with the extension service, of the A. & M. College of Texas, will hold its first annual short course in Denton on May 5th. The college has extended to Miss Alma Sims and the entire membership of the Wise county home demonstration clubs a hearty invitation to attend this meeting.

Program for the day will begin promptly at ten o'clock a. m. and will be concluded by three-thirty p. m. A special program has been planned that should be of interest to all women of North Texas.

Twenty counties are making plans to send representatives to this short course. It is hoped that a large delegation will attend from Wise county. Miss Sims and the club presidents are now making plans to organize an automobile caravan of as many as fifty women. The group will leave Decatur at eight o'clock a. m. Women interested in making the trip notify their club president or the home demonstration agent, Miss Alma Sims. All who can are urged to take their cars.

THIRTY-NINTH WILL BE BUILT EAST INTO CITY

The most enthusiastic good roads meeting that has been held in Wise county in many years was the one Wednesday afternoon, held in the district court room, at which large delegations of Bridgeport and Chico citizens joined hands with better highway enthusiasts in Decatur to complete the Thirty-Ninth state thoroughfare from Sandy Creek to this place. There was vinegar in the meeting, and the participants were fired with an enthusiasm that argues well for the communities.

Bridgeport citizens, headed by Dr. P. C. Funk, Frank Turner and L. D. Kirkpatrick, were here in numbers, and from Chico came a delegation with Lee Morris carrying the banner, and to the progressive Banker Morris goes a lion's share of the honors, for he was the outstanding spokesman for the visitors. His speech before the gathering was masterful and demonstrated to all that he knew "what it was all about."

Thoroughly familiar with the details of the proposition, he made a sound, logical and interesting talk. Others who spoke were Dr. J. L. Ward, chairman of the meeting, Dr. P. C. Funk, Frank Turner, L. D. Kirkpatrick, Mayor S. M. Ward, W. A. Helm, H. E. Ledell and M. W. Burch.

A resolution was unanimously adopted urging the commissioners' court at its next meeting to make provisions for beginning the construction of the seven mile stretch, between Decatur and Sandy Creek, connecting there with the road recently put in shape by the Bridgeport-Chico precinct.

Destructive over-flows experienced in the Sandy Creek bottom the past two weeks, making the road impassable, and the miserable condition that obtains in that section a greater part of the year, is destructive to the business life of the community, stated one speaker, and it is positively imperative that the road be built.

State and federal aid will be given the project.

Skygak Contends That Waste Water from Square Can Be Run Up Hill on West Main

"On the Street" column of last issue of the Messenger carried some sage remarks from our old friend, Tom Laird, concerning the disposition of waste water coming off the square and ruining the streets. Tom opens his remarks by stating that he is not an engineer. This was a mistake on Tom's part right at the start; he should never have let on but what he knew whereof he spoke. When the public reads after a man it wants him to speak with authority—if Tom had so spoken no one would have challenged his statements, and he would have avoided all arguments as to whether water run up or down hill.

Writer of this article is given up to be one of the foremost civil engineers in the state and he gives his unqualified opinion that Tom was right in declaring that the waste water could be run over the hill at an unheard-of saving to the tax payers of the city. It is a well known fact that water will run up hill just as well as down hill. If it were not so, how would the water ever get up in the city's stand pipe near the square?

LOCAL STORE IS RAIDED FRIDAY FOR \$700 LOSS

Rieger Dry Goods Store on Public Square Burglarized

Sometime between twelve o'clock and day-light Saturday, burglars entered the J. J. Rieger dry goods store, on the west side of the square here and robbed the establishment of goods that was valued at about seven hundred dollars. Entrance to the store was made by breaking one of the glass doors in the big front corridor. After entering the building the robbers took their time and helped themselves to the choice and most expensive articles. Silk dresses, about thirty-five in number, boxes of silk hosiery, underwear, men's suits, ladies' coats, hat boxes and suit cases were found the next morning on the lot in the rear of the Messenger office, and later in the day three more hangers were discovered in the alley back of the Rieger store.

Bill Alexander, clerk in the store, discovered the robbery Saturday morning when he appeared to open the store. He immediately called Mr. Rieger and officers to the store, and a check-up on the loss was made. Sheriff George Gage and his force began an investigation, but up to the present all clues have run aground.

It is said that two strangers, acting suspiciously, were seen in the alley of the Rieger store late Friday afternoon.

BENEFIT SHOW SUNDAY FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS

For the relief of the Mississippi River flood sufferers a free benefit show, under the auspices of the Red Cross, will be given at the Majestic theatre Sunday afternoon. The show starting at two o'clock and running until five-thirty. Donations will be solicited for the relief fund, and all those attending the benefit performance will be asked to make a contribution.

Thousands of people in the great Mississippi delta are homeless, and the death toll is mounting high as this most tragic calamity is sweeping over that section of the country.

The public is invited to come out and assist in relieving a bad condition. President Coolidge, thru Chairman Baker of the flood relief committee in Washington, is backing the Red Cross in putting on this benefit show, and thousands of audiences thru-out the country will be gathered in picture shows next Sunday afternoon.

Help those who have been rendered helpless!

Mark Marshall, water bound, spent several days in Decatur latter part of last week. "Left the Mexico country because of too much water, and ran into more water here on my way home in Chico," he stated.

Rare Scrap Book Is Presented to Editor

A rare old scrap book, the property of Mrs. Mary Carpenter-Shown during her life time, has been presented to the Messenger editor by her son, J. C. Carpenter of Jacksboro. Mrs. Shown, before her marriage to Dr. Shown of Jacksboro, was Mrs. J. C. Carpenter.

The book contains some choice pieces of writings, and the clippings date back more than half a century. From time to time articles copied from the old scrap book will be printed in the Messenger, which no doubt will prove interest to readers of the paper. This funeral notice is found pasted therein:

"Funeral notice. The public are invited to attend the funeral services of Col. A. Bishop at the Methodist church two o'clock p. m. December 1st, 1882. The cortege will proceed to the city cemetery immediately after the services, where the remains will be interred. Pall Bearers: G. B. Pickett, A. B. Foster, Wills, Cook, Geo. W. Stevens, R. M. Collins, W. W. Brady, R. G. Cates, J. W. Hale, W. A. Miller, John Crutchfield, W. H. Cundiff and A. H. Shoemaker."

CONTRACT TWO TESTS FOR OIL NEAR DECATUR

Work of building a derrick on the Mrs. Hattie Beall farm, east of Decatur, was started Wednesday, and as soon as the structure is completed the drilling machinery that is now on cars at the station will be rushed to the site, and the actual work of sinking the first well in that section will be started.

Wine-Miller Corporation, with headquarters in Tulsa, Oklahoma, one of the largest and most successful operating companies in that state, is the contractor. An experienced crew will be in charge of the drilling, and the well will be put down to a depth of twenty-five hundred feet.

A contract for the drilling of a well in the Brundow country, north of the city, was made Wednesday with the Priddy Oil Company of Wichita Falls, and work will start immediately on the derrick. According to reports of geologists, who have been working in the county for the past several weeks, the two sites selected are among the best "bets" in the country.

At a recent meeting of geologists in Tulsa, a statement was issued that the formation so pronounced in Oklahoma has been traced into Wise county, entering thru the Munster, Cooke county field, and running into the Greenwood and Brundow sections. Another formation, indicating heavy deposits of oil and gas, according to the same statement, will be found east of Decatur.

BOOTLEGGERS CAUGHT BY DECATUR OFFICERS

Thirty-five gallons of the best product of the Glenrose still, and John Burkhardt and Jess Williams, citizens of the Sunset community, were taken in tow Wednesday night by Motor Cop Paul Kennedy near the Decatur ice factory. The liquor and the men are in the county jail.

For several days, says a report, the officers here have been on the look-out for Messrs. Burkhardt and Williams, under suspicion of being engaged in the bootlegging business, and Wednesday night Officer Kennedy, while riding his motorcycle up East Walnut street, met the strangers as they turned their car off Walnut into the street running north. Deputies Oma Cartwright and Luther Craft were called by Kennedy and the men and booze were escorted to the court house.

Thirty-five gallons of corn whiskey in half-gallon jars was found in the car by the officers.

Fort Worth Pair Made to Pay Fine by Esquire

Motor Cop Paul Kennedy is demonstrating that he is constantly on the job, by bringing into court this week a number of reckless drivers. Wednesday he overtook two noisy, tipsy men from Fort Worth, who, at first, strenuously objected to reporting to Squire H. E. Brady. But they reported, accompanied by the motor cop.

A substantial fine was assessed by the justice.

F. L. U. HEAD IS HEARD BY FINE CROWD IN CITY

W. W. Fitzwater Urged Co-Operation in the Open Markets

Hon. W. W. Fitzwater of Bonham, national organizer for the Farm Labor Union, and one of the best known men in agricultural ranks of the country, spoke to a large number of farmers in the district court room Saturday night. Mr. Fitzwater was introduced by Bud Wallis, prominent in F. L. U. work in Wise county.

The speaker was in fine fettle, and being thoroughly familiar with his subject, he immediately launched into an interesting discussion of the problems confronting the farmers of the country. Co-operation and standing together was stressed by Mr. Fitzwater. He said all other trades and professions had their organizations—"except the farmers, the muscle and sinews of the nation." He urged the farmers to come into the farm labor union, stating that by pooling their products, especially cotton, a better and more substantial price could be received.

The speculator was pictured in his true light by the speaker, and the activities of the man who, in thousands of cases, never saw a cotton boll were given in a compelling, convincing manner. The manner of marketing cotton of members of the union was explained, Mr. Fitzwater stating that much profit would accrue to the planter by selling direct to the spinner or consumer, "passing around" the speculator and gambler, who reap rich rewards on the exchanges.

Mr. Fitzwater told of a visit he made to the cotton exchange in New York while he was there attending a meeting of the national farmers' association, and his experiences brought laughter from his audience. He visited the Seaboard National Bank, "because I had heard all my life that this banking institution was the eyes of the cotton gambling enterprises in that city." He interviewed the vice president of the bank, and stated "I learned more about the cotton condition in Texas than I ever knew before." The Seaboard National Bank's officers had reports daily on weather and marketing conditions in all cotton growing states, and on these conditions was based the amount of financial aid the big bank would extend the banks in the communities. He told his audience not to blame local banking institutions when they tightened up on money; "it's the big bank higher up that controls the situation," he said.

He urged all farmers to join hands in the movement of the F. L. U. to demand a price for cotton that would return the investment and a reasonable profit. "You are entitled to a return of what you have put into your crop—that's what your merchant, your banker and your blacksmith gets or he would go out of business—then he gets a profit for his goods—a reasonable profit is all the farmer asks, and when he gets that he will own his home and live decently."

At the close of the address many in the crowd went up to the speaker's stand and congratulated Mr. Fitzwater; several farmers, not members of the F. L. U., telling him that they would join the organization.

'LEANS' TRIM 'FATS' IN GAME ON WEDNESDAY

By a count of 10 to 5 the "Leans" of Decatur showed their heavy-set fellow-men some of the rudiments of the game of baseball in a mix-up put on by the Decatur Owl Club at the Decatur College park on Wednesday afternoon. A good sized crowd was present to see the engagement.

The "Fats" failed to hit the offerings of the three mound men for the "lean and lean" crowd, and they were somewhat heavy on their hoofs. Batteries for the "Leans" were Collins, Nobles, Renshaw and Green; while Lillard and Eddins went the entire route for the "Fats." C. J. Newton acted as umpire, and Blankenship, West and Workman referees.

Contrary to the opinion of some, few errors were recorded during the game, the "boys" showing the real old time baseball ability that prevailed with them in other years.

INTEREST MEETING AT POOLVILLE ON FRIDAY

Friday evening, April 15th, County Agent E. C. Jameson accepted an invitation from Dr. Sparks of Poolville to make a talk to the farmers and residents of that community at a meeting of the Young Folks Better Community Club.

Agent Jameson was assigned the subject of "How to Help the Boys in the Forks of the Creek" as a title for his talk. He talked to the farmers on the value of diversification, of raising poultry, hogs and farm gardens in connection with their regular farm crops; he also stressed the value of the dairy cow as a reliable method of standing off the financial straits that have followed the production of too much cotton in Texas.

Leo Allred, Purina demonstrator of Wise county, accompanied Jameson on the trip, and was enjoying the meeting immensely until he was told by the chairman of the meeting that he would be expected to make a talk also. Mr. Allred responded with an excellent speech on "The Value of Clubs for the Young People in the Community," and also the value of a community club to the adults. He cited the newly organized Paradise club as one that will give great benefit to both the young and grown people, and stated that he was mighty glad to see that Poolville was also awake to the needs and desires of their young people.

The Poolville stringed band furnished music for the meeting, and all that attended said they had a wonderful evening.

Mr. Allred and Agent Jameson were surprised, in looking over some of the farms near Poolville, to see that a very large per cent of the land was terraced and that several diversification plans were being carried out with success in the community.

Advertisers of General Motors Pick Messenger

A letter from Bruce Barton, the noted writer, concerning a schedule for General Motors advertising that is being run in the Messenger, gives that gentleman's idea of the value of the country newspaper as an advertising medium. We quote from the letter as follows:

"We are placing these advertisements because I believe that the small town newspapers offer a real advertising opportunity for General Motors, and we hope the success of the campaign will be so impressive that we can continue it year after year."

"My boyhood was spent in a country town. For thirty years I have lived in a country town in the summer. I read every line of its weekly paper, not only in the summer but in my New York home in the winter. I believe in these papers."

The letter is signed by Bruce Barton for the firm of Barton, Dustine & Osborne, advertising counselors, New York City.

BAPTIST CHURCH

A highly entertaining Sunday school picnic was held on the church lawn last Friday night, and about five hundred people were present to enjoy the occasion. The program was unique and unusual and was the product of the fertile brain of Prof. P. M. Curry, who is superintendent of the Sunday school.

In spite of bad weather the church was full Sunday night to hear the easter cantata. The music is always good at the Baptist church, but competent critics say this was the best musical program the choir has ever given. It has been suggested that the Baptist choir sing at the meeting of the West Texas chamber of commerce to be held in the very near future at Wichita Falls.

Pastor Bell preaches next Sunday at eleven a. m. and seven forty-five p. m. A cordial welcome is extended to all.—R. E. Bell, Pastor.

The Hindus think it brings a person ill luck to be openly admired or praised, and a child admired too openly will be hastily withdrawn, the mother often beating it to counteract the ill omened admiration.

The diamond back terrapin, once so numerous in Chesapeake Bay, are nearly extinct. Although when they were plentiful they had little or no value, a single specimen today sells on the market for eight dollars.

A London aviator watched the sunset as he left London on his London-to-Paris flight, and saw it set again the same day while taking a passenger on an altitude tour of seven thousand feet above the earth.

The "Jung" of the gas meter that breathes in and out the measures the use of gas is made from sheep-skin that has been especially prepared to make it impervious to the corrosive elements in gas.

Live fish and shell fish similar to those inhabiting the lakes of Palestine have been found by artesian well borers at depths of two and three hundred feet beneath the sands of the Sahara Desert.

In instrument called a dendrograph has been invented by which a tree can write its own diary.

New Citizen in County Making Good on Farm

An interesting farm experience has been turned into the Decatur chamber of commerce by H. V. Hicks, who has recently moved to Wise county from Roger Mills county, Oklahoma. Mr. Hicks reports having paid \$550.00 for fourteen cows and three shoats in the month of March of last year. His total sales from the stock in ten months was: Cream, \$850.00; hogs, \$670.00; calves, \$111.50; and a quantity of chickens and eggs. Cream prices during the period ranged from thirty-four to forty-two cents.

Scarcely any feed, other than ample range and skim-milk, was fed the stock. Mr. Hicks is a firm believer in the value of skim-milk as a feed, and he thinks a man can keep a few good cows, chickens and hogs, give them good attention and get along in first class shape.

WICHITA FALLS PLANS FOR BANDS CONTESTS

Indications are that there will be at least seventy-five bands in Wichita Falls on May 16th and 17th for the ninth annual convention of the West Texas chamber of commerce and the stand band contest. F. V. Lawler of Wichita Falls is manager of the contest. Decatur Band, under direction of E. Scott Avery will enter the contest this year.

West Texas chamber of commerce and the Wichita Falls chamber of commerce are giving five thousand dollars in cash prizes. There are six divisions, and indications, according to Mr. Lawler, are that there will be many entrants in each class. Hundreds of inquiries, Mr. Lawler says, have been received and this leads him to believe that almost one hundred bands will be there. High school bands thus far are in the lead for entrants.

This band contest has always been a big feature at the convention and this year is attracting more interest due to the fact that it is for all bands in the state. The band contest proper will take place on the second day of the convention in order that all may have part in the great convention parade which will be held on Monday, May 16th.

Still another feature in musical lines will take place on Sunday evening, May 15th, when it is expected more than fifty high school, junior and senior college glee clubs and church choirs will have part in a contest to be given at convention headquarters. Many entrants have already been received by Mayor R. E. Shepherd, chairman of this special committee. Cash prizes are being offered in this contest and at least fifty musical organizations have indicated entrance.

LONE MOUND NEWS

Elmer Vaughan left Monday for Oklahoma.

Mrs. Minnie Bowman made a business trip to Decatur Tuesday.

Mrs. Lula Hodges visited in the home of her brother, Henry McQuinn, in Decatur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powell of Burk Burnett, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Perry Peyton.

Miss Nettie Perkins of the Liberty community, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Treva Peyton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cearley of the Plainview community, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Cearley.

Bob Ellis returned to the home of Mr. West Saturday after visiting relatives in Henrietta for several days.

Miss Virginia Walker returned to her sister's, Mrs. S. E. Johnson, first of the week, after visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

DOUGLASVILLE

G. Splawn is visiting in Oklahoma this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rhoten spent the week-end in Boyd.

Mrs. Alice Ford is visiting H. S. Ford and family this week.

Ed Washburn made a business trip to Wichita Falls last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Alexander spent Sunday with John Beason and wife.

The farmers are all glad to see the sunshine, as the crops are need is very badly.

Grand-mother Alexander spent last week in Boyd with Mr. and Mrs. Beason.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Payne of Rhame, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arch Brown.

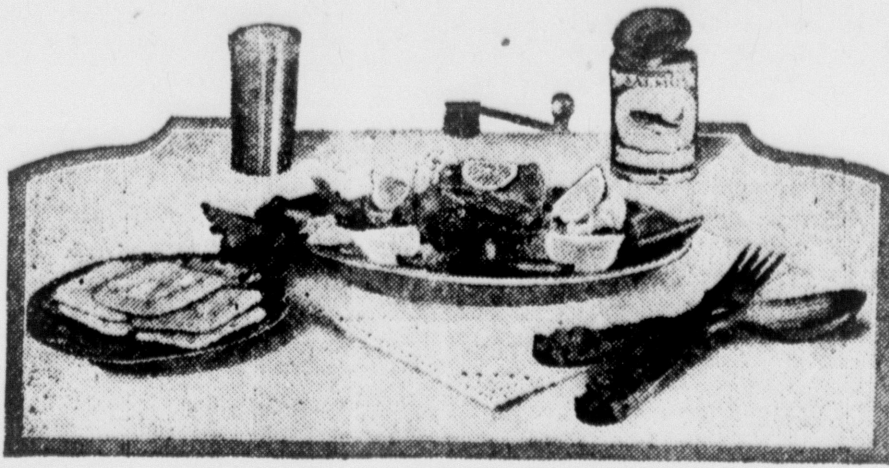
Messrs. Art Washburn, Pete Rhoten, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rhoten spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week in Fort Worth.

Among those shopping last week in Fort Worth were Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Splawn, H. S. Ford and Misses Edith and Maxine Ford.

Messrs. Walt Alexander and Bert White and Misses Bertha White were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kearney and Mrs. S. E. White in Decatur last Friday.

Dogs may now join the army. New regulations authorize them as army units for such work as acting as messengers to carry relief appeals and for pulling sleds across northern snows.

Salmon Prevents Goitre—Serve It Often



Salmon as a preventive of goitre is one of the new discoveries of science, and one which is attracting unusual interest, due to the recent spread of goitre, not only among adults but also among school children.

That salmon eaten plentifully will prevent goitre has been known for some time, since that fish contains iodine, the lack of which is one of the causes of goitre both in men and animals. There is a large goitrous region in the United States.

Prominent physicians have discovered that when the gland has not enlarged but is starved for iodine, the provision of iodine will prevent goitre, but when the gland has already en-

larged, advice of a specialist should be obtained before taking iodine.

A recent investigation of the iodine content of canned salmon has been engaged by the Seattle Laboratory of the National Canners' Association and the study has revealed that this commodity is particularly high in iodine.

House-wives will do well to serve salmon several times each week in some of its various tempting forms. As meat course, a salmon steak taken from the can and heated, served with butter sauce and garnished with parsley is a very appetizing dish. For entrees and salads it is one of the most colorful and delightful dishes on the menu.

An acre farm on the ocean front near the Boardwalk at Atlantic City is valued at more than one million dollars. Truck produce is grown on the acre each year.

A traffic policeman of wood clothed in full uniform and helmet directs traffic twenty-four hours each day on a corner of a highway of Brandenburg Province.

A first edition of John Bunyan's "Book for Boys and Girls," which was bought by a woman at Hemel Hempstead, England, a few years ago for a half crown (about sixty-one cents) sold recently for \$10,200.

Following a nervous shock, a Parisian turned blue all over. Physicians have been unable to restore him to his natural color.

Big Fireworks Display at C. of C. Convention

One of the greatest fireworks displays that has ever been offered in the southwest will be presented on Monday night, May 16th, the first day of the West Texas chamber of commerce in Wichita Falls. This display will be given in connection with the presentation of Miss West Texas, Miss New Mexico and sponsors who will be there for the convention.

This feature will be presented at the baseball park. Registered delegations wearing badges will be admitted as one of the courtesies to be extended visitors at the convention. Other courtesies are also being planned so that every registered delegate will get value received for the badge he wears.

Within the next few days the chamber of commerce of Wichita Falls will be ready to register delegates who desire to do so before leaving their cities.

Horse shoes junked in the United States are being shipped to China, where mechanics utilize the chilled iron for making knives.

Bowie Man Believes in Messenger Advertising

J. W. Whitman, popular dealer at Bowie for the Buick car, was in the city Wednesday, looking after business for his firm.

Talking with a Messenger reporter, Mr. Whitman said: "I am getting results from my advertising in the Messenger; you have one of the best mediums I have ever patronized, and I know the paper is popular with the people."

Mr. Whitman was a guest of T. L. Tucker while in the city.

Origin of Talking Rock, in Pickens county, Georgia, was as follows: A rock was found with the words, "Turn me over" painted on one side, and on the other side was painted, "Now turn me back and let me fool someone else."

Beauty note from Puritan days in New England: "For ye complexion ye young girl may wash the face in snow, the tingling cold bringing forth the blood and imparting a rich glow of health which is the true beauty."

COTTON SCHOOL OPENS

The Bowie Commercial College will open the Annual Cotton Classing School, June 6, 1927. Full information will be sent to you promptly on request.

BOWIE COMMERCIAL COLLEGE
BOWIE, TEXAS

Decatur, Texas

ASSOCIATED  STORES

Decatur, Texas

PERKINS-TIMBERLAKE COMPANY
UNINCORPORATED

Odd-and-End Specials Taken From Over the Store

ART OIL CLOTH

—Art oil cloth in pastel shades; 48 inches wide. Comes in blue, gold, rose, green. Now selling for only—

49c yd.

NOVELTY TUB SILKS

—A variety of novelty tub silks. They make beautiful summer dresses—and at very popular prices—only—

\$1.25, \$1.65, \$1.95

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

—5 dozen Radium slips; colors, white and flesh only. A regular \$3.95 value to be sold Saturday and Monday at the special price of only—

\$2.49

COLLAR AND CUFF SETS

—Crepe, lace, linen collars and cuff sets in a great array of styles—and suitable for any and every kind of dress—

65c to \$2.50

WASHABLE CREPES

—Washable crepes in all favored Spring and Summer shades—40 inch and all silk material. Priced at—

\$1.95

SPECIAL LOT OF VOILES

—This lot of voiles were carried over from last season. Values up to \$1.00 are included—but for Saturday and Monday we will sell at only—

29c. yd.

EVERFAST LINENS

—Now is the time to think of your linen dress—every woman has to have at least one linen dress. We have an assortment of fast color linen in the right colors—and guaranteed fast—at—

\$1.00

JEWELRY ASSORTMENT

Especially nice for graduation gifts. The lot is composed of slave bracelets, ear bobs, lavaliers and novelty vanities. The very newest match sets in this line. And they're priced low—considering values—

75c to \$2.95

FAST COLOR VOILES

—in dainty figures, as well as the bolder patterns are shown in this line of voiles. You are sure to appreciate the quality at the low price of only—

39c

LOCAL NEWS

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Messenger accepts advertising on the guarantee that it has more bona fide circulation than any other newspaper printed in Wise county; that its actual, bona fide subscription list is greater by three times than any other publication in Decatur. Books and records are open to advertisers.

Copy for advertising should be in the office not later than six o'clock Wednesday evening to insure good position. No advertising accepted after nine o'clock Thursday morning for Friday's issue.

REVISED SCHEDULE OF DENVER PASSENGER TRAINS.

SOUTH				
W. Falls	Dec.	Ft. Worth	Dallas	
11:55 am	2:14 pm	3:25 pm	5:00 pm	
2:00 am	4:32 am	6:00 am	7:45 am	
7:00 am	9:09 am	10:30 am	11:55 am	
NORTH				
Dallas	Ft. Worth	Dec.	W. Falls	
8:30 am	10:10 am	11:28 am	1:55 pm	
6:45 pm	8:20 pm	9:40 pm	11:55 pm	
11:00 pm	12:40 pm	2:06 am	4:40 am	

Allan Hill of Newark, was in Decatur this week.

R. A. Rieger of Sanger, was in this city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Helm were in Nocona Wednesday.

Miss Alma Tackel and Bruton Balts were in Dallas Sunday.

Dr. J. L. Ward and family are on a visit to Dundee and Oklahoma.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Askey, on Saturday, April 23rd, a daughter.

G. G. G. Club will meet Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Lois Bredelove.

Miss Claudie May Workman of Fort Worth, spent the week-end in this city visiting relatives.

E. Boyd spent the week-end in Antonio, attending the Pioneer Telephone Convention.

Congressman Guinn Williams is in Young and Archer counties visiting friends and relatives.

Misses Bill Reeves, Linnie Blewett and Mrs. C. A. Reeves were shopping in Fort Worth Saturday.

Mrs. D. I. Jones and daughter returned Sunday from Stamford, where they have been visiting relatives.

Messenger has been asked to state that J. Frank Norris will speak in Decatur on Friday evening, May 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Baker and son, Ralph, and Earl Prigmore and family of Dallas, visited relatives in Decatur last week-end.

Joe Jones, who is attending school at Baylor University, Waco, spent the week-end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones in this city.

Mrs. W. W. Boyd, L. C. Boyd and L. W. Burch left Tuesday for Ohio, where they will attend the district operation of Woman's Clubs.

Greatest money saving event in the history of Wise county merchandising, now going on at Lillard's Mississippi Store. Wholesale prices prevailing thru-out the store.

Remainder of the household goods of Mrs. A. E. Rice will be auctioned off on Monday, May 2nd, at two-thirty o'clock p. m. in Decatur. Tom McCracken, Auctioneer.

Attend the flood sufferers' benefit show next Sunday afternoon at the Majestic theater. Help those who are now homeless and helpless in the over-flow districts. The call is urgent.

A cemetery working will be held at Sycamore on the first Saturday in May. All those interested are urged to attend, taking their tools and well filled baskets, prepared to work all day in beautifying the cemetery.

"And the greatest of these is charity"—attend the Majestic theater show Sunday afternoon—benefit flood sufferers in the Mississippi valley district. Thousands are homeless, made so by the ravages of the great river. You are asked to contribute to their assistance. The Red Cross is calling!

Many Children and Adults
Keep Strong On
SCOTT'S EMULSION
It's The Pleasant Way To
Take Cod-liver Oil
Vitamins

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 26-44

Mrs. J. B. Hamilton is visiting her son in Dundee.

Miss Laura Ash was a Fort Worth visitor Thursday.

F. V. McMordie was a Nocona visitor last Thursday.

Quint Woody of the Rhome section, was in town Tuesday.

W. U. Blocker of Chico, was in the city Monday on business.

H. B. Wilkerson of Fort Worth, was a Decatur visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Meador were in Alvord on business Monday.

Miss Juanita Wilhite of Fort Worth, spent the week-end with friends in this city.

Misses Ruth Stokes and Mildred Kerr were shopping in Fort Worth Saturday.

Paschall Ray of Fort Worth, spent the week-end with friends and relatives here.

Tom Terrell of Fort Worth, spent Sunday in this city with his parents and friends.

Jim Smith of Baylor University at Waco, spent the week-end with his parents here.

Embry Hoyl of Dallas, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hoyl, in Decatur Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Man and Miss Johnnie Blankenship were in Fort Worth Thursday.

John Greathouse returned last week from Marion Military Academy, where has been in school.

Miss Margaret Measkey returned Friday from Amarillo, where she has been visiting relatives.

Miss Clyth Griffith of Baylor University, Waco, spent the week-end here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. H. Schmidt and daughter, Margaret, of Fort Worth, were visiting relatives in this city Thursday.

Take advantage of the prices prevailing at Lillard's Mississippi Store. Is money tight? If so, here is an opportunity to make your dollars do double duty.

Letter from Manager G. R. Warren of the Denton chamber of commerce makes inquiry of some state turkey eggs for sale. Anyone having some is asked to write A. B. Harmonson at Justin, Texas.

Marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk's office to the following since our last issue: Lerkin Bryon and Miss Virgil Massie; W. W. West and Miss Alma Jordan; Richard F. Millard and Miss Una Scott.

One of the largest and best selected stocks of goods is being offered the public at wholesale prices at Lillard's Mississippi Store. Going out of the dry goods business, and closing out prices have been put on all goods in the house.

Albin Brady, fisherman extra ordinary, camped for some time on the West Fork, was caught in the wet spell that visited this section first of the week, and was compelled to pull up stakes and move in town. Some good catches of channel cat are reported by Mr. Brady.

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FOR SALE

ENGLISH White Leghorn cockerels at bargain prices; eggs set each Tuesday and hatching of baby chicks coming each Thursday.—DECATUR WHITE LEGHORN RANCH. (14-1f)

FOR SALE—Genuine Porto Rico yam potato plants; grown in Wise county; thousands now ready for immediate shipment; \$2.75 per 1000; 5000 or over \$2.50 per 1000 postpaid.—J. C. HENRY, Chico, Texas. (13)

SEVERAL hundred baby chicks not sold for next week. They hatch on Wednesday and Friday. Write or phone me your order. They are from the best bred White Leghorns to be found anywhere. Priced at \$10.00 hundred.—BOYD POULTRY FARM, Boyd, Texas. (17-1f)

IDEAL HOUR GREEN HOUSE—Porch box plants, coleus, verbenas, lantanas, begonias, Martha Washington, strawberry and mixed geraniums, plumasus, Boston and asparagus ferns, trailing plants, etc., 10c and 25c each; larger plants, 50c to \$1.00; cut flowers and plants baskets, \$1.00 to \$1.50.—MRS. N. A. MORRE, North Church street, Decatur, Texas. (18)

FOR SALE—Jessie French piano, in good condition; bargain. Call MRS. LESTER BLACKBURN, Decatur, Ind. phone 67. (16-1f)

WANTED

WANTED—To hear from owner of land for sale.—D. M. LEIGHT, Abilene, Montana. (17)

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Three room in the C. C. Jones house.—J. W. BAILEY. (16-1f)

NICE four room cottage for rent; all rooms equipped for gas and electricity.—INGRAM DRUG CO. (17-1f)

Mrs. W. M. Sanders of Grand Prairie, visited in this city Sunday.

Miss Maggie Carpenter spent the week-end in Rhome, visiting her parents.

J. W. Maley has returned from a stay in Oklahoma, where he visited relatives.

Mrs. H. F. Boyd and W. V. Patton attended an Eastern Star meeting in Denton Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Smith were here last week-end from Farmersville, visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelpin of Wellington, visited Mrs. C. O. Urquhart this week. Mrs. Kelpin was before her marriage Miss Bertha Aldredge.

If money is scarce with you, the opportunity to save is offered by the Closing Out Sale now on at Lillard's Mississippi Store. Take advantage of this money saving event.

The G. G. G. Club met Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Eva Ruth Brady. The following members were present: Misses Joy Bell, Venita Nell Clark, Margaret Shoemaker, Jena Faye Tland, Maurine McCracken, Daisy Manire and Grace Bell.

Miss Margaret Tumulty was hostess to the L. A. L. Club Wednesday evening, when they held their regular session at her home in Northeast Decatur. Dainty refreshments were served to the following members: Misses S. L. Hardwick, C. A. Reeves, Roy Workman, W. T. Hill and Ray Nobles, and Misses Bill Reeves and Linnie Blewett; and three visitors, Misses Archie Morris, W. F. Terrell and A. Muldoon.

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise County: Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon James Tarleton and the unknown heirs of James Tarleton, William H. Hunt and the unknown heirs of William H. Hunt, Daniel Howell and the unknown heirs of Daniel Howell, M. L. Ritter and the unknown heirs of M. L. Ritter, Nat M. Burford and the unknown heirs of Nat M. Burford, M. W. Shumaker and the unknown heirs of M. W. Shumaker, R. P. Tarleton and the unknown heirs of R. P. Tarleton, Chas. D. Cates and the unknown heirs of Chas. D. Cates, Thomas Stratton and the unknown heirs of Thomas Stratton, C. A. Doty and the unknown heirs of C. A. Doty, E. Dubois and the unknown heirs of E. Dubois by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise County, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur, Texas, on the last Monday in May, A. D. 1927, the same being the 30th day of May, A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court as No. 5634 wherein W. S. Hancock is plaintiff, and James Tarleton and the unknown heirs of James Tarleton, William H. Hunt and the unknown heirs of William H. Hunt, Daniel Howell and the unknown heirs of Daniel Howell, M. L. Ritter and the unknown heirs of M. L. Ritter, Nat M. Burford and the unknown heirs of Nat M. Burford, M. W. Shumaker and the unknown heirs of M. W. Shumaker, R. P. Tarleton and the unknown heirs of R. P. Tarleton, Chas. D. Cates and the unknown heirs of Chas. D. Cates, Thomas Stratton and the unknown heirs of Thomas Stratton, C. A. Doty and the unknown heirs of C. A. Doty, E. Dubois are defendants, and said petition alleging that on the 14th day of February, A. D. 1927, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises situated in Wise County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit: All that certain lot, tract and parcel of land situated in the town of Decatur, in Wise County, Texas, out of lot or block No. 1 of the James Tarleton survey; Beginning at the northeast corner of the point where the Fort Worth & Denver City Railway Company is reduced from 150 to 50 feet from the center of the track of said railway, at the south end of said reduction; thence slightly southwest with said south line of said wide part of said right-of-way 120 feet; thence southeast parallel with the right-of-way of said railroad to the south line of said railroad survey; thence east 120 feet to the west line of said right-of-way; thence northwest with the west line of said right-of-way to the place of beginning. That on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withheld from him the possession thereof to his damage in sum of one thousand dollars. That the reasonable annual rental value of said land and premises is two hundred dollars. That the residence of defendants and each of them is to plaintiff unknown.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays that defendants be cited herein by publication and answer this petition. That plaintiff have judgment for the title and possession of said above described land and premises and that writ of restitution be issued, and for his rents, damages and costs of suit and for such other and further relief in law and equity as he may be justly entitled to receive.

Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Decatur, Texas, this 24th day of March, A. D. 1927. J. C. ALEXANDER, Clerk, District Court, Wise County, Texas. By W. V. Cunningham, Deputy. (Ap 22-May 13)

Band concert and musical entertainment at high school tonight.

F. V. McMordie and wife spent Monday and Tuesday in Dallas.

Why pay a profit when you can get goods at wholesale cost at Lillard's Mississippi Store?

Bill Sensibaugh of Bridgeport, was in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. L. B. Aultman of Mexia, is visiting relatives at Oak Lawn.

Fayette Renshaw, prominent business man of Rhome, was here middle of the week on business.

The price is reasonable. You won't miss the small door fee. Buy a flock of tickets and take the family to the band concert and musical entertainment at the high school tonight. The receipts are to be used to send the band to a big convention at Wichita Falls to help Decatur and Decatur College.

Every Price is a Low Price



on all the items sold by the A & P's. We have hundreds of other low priced articles in addition to these advertised weekly. The A & P always sells highest quality merchandise at the lowest possible price.

Are you getting your A & P News each week. It is out on Mondays

THIS IS NATIONAL RAISIN WEEK!

Seeded Raisins

Seeded or Seedless	2 15 oz. pkg.	25c
MARKET DAY	4 lb. pkg.	43c

Scottissue TOILET PAPER roll 10c

Household BROOMS No. 6 each 59c No. 7 each 69c

A & P Brand JELLY DESSERT pkg. 8c

White House RICE 12 oz. 9c 2's 23c

White House Evaporated MILK Baby 5c Tall 10c

Kellogg's ALL BRAN Small 12c Large 19c

Calumet Baking Powder lb. cans 23c

Waldorf TOILET PAPER 2 rolls 13c

Red Pitted CHERRIES No. 2 can 27c

Dr. Prices EXTRACTS 1-2 oz. 16c 1 1/2 oz 29c

LIPTON'S TEA Small 9c 1-4 lb 23c

Ralston's BREAKFAST FOOD pkg. 22c

ENCORE OLIVE OIL 3 bottles 15c

Coleman's MUSTARD 1 1-4 oz tin 10c

Broken Sliced PINEAPPLE lge. can 23c

BOTTLE CAPS lb 19c

POSTS BRAN FLAKES 10 oz pkg 12c

Hershey's COCOA 1's lb 8c 1/2 lb 15c

CREAM OF WHEAT pkg 24c

Macaroni, Spaghetti or Noodles 3 pkgs. 25c

WASHBOARDS each 39c

BABBITT'S LYE 3 cans 25c

DROMEDARY DATES 10 oz pkg. 21c

POST TOASTIES Sm. 8c lge. 12c

Dromedary COCOANUT 4 oz. 14c 8 oz. 27c

KC Powder Baking 25 oz 22c

Minute TAPIOCA pkg 12c

WESSON OIL Pts. 27c Qts. 52c

Del Monte TOMATO SAUCE 3 oz can 7c

HEINZ CHILI SAUCE med 31c

MELLO WHEAT pkg. 19c

LUX Soap Flakes pkg. lge. 25c

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TELEPHONES

INDEPENDENT 45

Friday Morning, April 29, 1927.

What's the matter with Jim Reed of Missouri?

If it were not for the daily grind there would be no daily bread.

Before we recommend new tax laws let's get in behind the delinquent taxpayer.

Love's labors are lost when he appears in the box against the frisky felines. 'Tis true.

Jimmy Cox is not in a position to qualify as a good man to select the old party's flag bearer.

Let the other fellow pool his land for drilling contracts, seems to be the idea of some of our land owners.

The new town of Bledso, in West Texas, is wanting a vigorous physician. Would not juicy apples suffice?

Down in Kaufman thieves stole the bell from the Baptist church belfry. Kaufman thieves are "ringers," to say the least.

Dallas will remember the boys who remembered the Maine Sunday and Monday, when the convention is staged in that city.

The woods are full of politicians who would make the sacrifice, but what the sweet old party wants at this particular time is a movement on the part of the patriots.

The surest way to avoid the evil of a glutted market is to produce a first class article. The market is never over-supplied with high class products, but with inferior grades.

Rev. J. Frank Norris intimates that hell and high water would break loose thru-out the country should the democratic party nominate Gov. Smith of New York as its standard bearer.

Mrs. Nellie Ross says she would like to see the democratic party nominate Al Smith for the presidency. And, we suspect there are a number of s and republicans who would like to see the same, Nell.

It is estimated that there is something like three million dollars in delinquent taxes due the state of Texas. Collect this princely sum before we get hysterical in efforts to create new revenue producing measures.

Pity the poor little wifie who has fallen victim to the "jining habit," and as a result of the inroads made by the disease she is on the pad constantly and is missing meals and passing sleepless nights, fearing she will not get in "saweddy."

The veteran politician and wheel boss campaigner of the good old days, Cone Johnson, present spokesman for the Texas highway commission, says it will be a year or more before state and federal aid can be given to the Thirty-Ninth thru Wonderful Wise.

A negro in California was given a life term in state prison for stealing a pork sandwich. A few days before a movie actor was given a reprimand for running down a little girl on the street. Surely, another blindfold has been slipped over the eyes of justice where the golden west begins and ends.

Get down for a healthy contribution to the Red Cross fund to relieve the distress among the victims in the Mississippi valley. Sobs and groans over the sad plight are all well and good—but right now those people are in need of silver and grub. Prayers will help, but they are crying for provisions.

The bank bandits up Oklahoma way do their stuff in style. In the town of Cushing, five bad boys from the breaks entered a bank and relieved the institution of ten thousand dollars in gold and greenbacks. Thirty customers were in the bank at the time, and all were neatly and systematically trimmed; that is, all were unbundled of their holdings. After sacking the money, the bad ones marched the employees—from president to the pretty stenographer—and the customers into the vault and locked 'em up. Sharing their lunches with the captives, the bandits told them good-bye and left for parts up to and including the present time unknown.

More Taxes.

Soon the smoke of special legislative fires will be hovering over the Texas capitol. There will be talk of legislation—and talk of taxation.

Schools must be supported, comes the cry of those behind the educational institutions. But there are many members of both houses who, strong in their support of the schools, will bitterly oppose class legislation or any bill that would tax the few and become tax legislation. Also, they will wage war against a so-called nuisance tax. And when nuisance tax is mentioned around the capitol, the tobacco tax comes in view. This measure was killed at the last regular session but may come up again at the special session.

Those who oppose the tobacco tax have placed it both in the nuisance tax and in the discriminatory tax. It's a nuisance because they would have to keep paying your taxes the year around—every time you bought a package of cigarettes or even a nickel cigar—much less a chew of tobacco. And it is discriminatory, they point out, because it effects only a part of the people of Texas, tobacco users.

There other other nuisances attached to a tobacco tax, say its opponents. For instance, tax collectors would have to get busy. And the tobacco stamp must be bought—and pennies must again be worked over-time by the consumer. A tobacco tax law would have its complications. But every person—be it a soda water stand, hotel or drug store, that sold tobacco products would have to have an employe with sufficient knowledge of the nuisance law or else—there would be a violation of the law. And with law violations must go investigations, enforcement officers and prosecutions where violations have been wilful.

And here is another argument set up by those who oppose a tobacco tax law:

"People of Texas who want to will smoke. They will not pay the tax; at least, many of them, as long as they can buy their tobacco products without having the tax inflicted. It would be no violation of the law for mail order houses, just across the state line, to sell products to Texas consumers so long as the products came by parcel post, which would make them free from state tax.

"Therefore, Texas dealers who sell tobacco products would lose the trade to those who wanted to evade the tax. And they would face the nuisance of keeping books without extra pay, for those who paid the tax.

"The mail order houses would flood the state with literature asking for tobacco products. The man who wanted a five dollar box of cigars would save fifty cents by merely mailing back a self addressed stamped envelope and he would pay the c. o. d. charges when the cigars came without the additional tax. The man who smokes two cigars a day would save approximately nine dollars a year if he patronized the mail order houses. And all the hundred and ninety-one dollars would go out of Texas, providing the cigars cost as much as twelve and one-half cents each."

Yes, the opponents of the tobacco tax hope that it, too, will go up in the smoke that hovers over the Lone Star capitol during the special legislative times that come soon.

Mother Mine.

If I were a master artist,
Blending my colors well,
With a task to paint a picture
In beauty to excel,
I should not choose a landscape,
A vale or river blue,
I'd chose to paint a picture
Of a mother who's true.

If I were a great musician
With honors yet to gain,
And my task a song to render
In softer, sweeter vein
Than any song I yet had sung
"Twould be no classic air;
But just a simple song of home
And mother's patient care.

There are those who seek for fortune
And often not in vain;
But could I have my dearest wish
I'd be a child again,
And crossing o'er the bridge of years
That one by one have fled,
I'd feel the touch of mother's hand
Once more upon my head.

Memores of Mother.

When the day is fading round me
To a gray and silvery hue,
And the shadows seem to lengthen,
Then is when I think of you.

As the darkness creeps around me,
And the stars appear above,
I think of you, dear mother,
And long for you and love.

Thoughts, memories, come a-winging
From the archives of my heart,
And I cry aloud in sorrow:
"Why did we have to part?"

Then, as the night grows older,
I grow calmer, and I pray
That some day I'll meet you, mother,
And our love will have its way.
—Lucille Foxall, Decatur.

The big boss, on a trip thru his store, came across a new stock clerk. "I suppose you have seen the head of stock, and he has told you what to do?" he asked.

"Yes, sir."
"And what was it?"
The boy hesitated, then said, "Well, he—er—told me to wake him up when I saw you coming."

A "slow pay" customer sent the following note to his grocer: "Please send six dozen eggs; if good will send check."

The grocer, however, was not doing any business on such risky terms, so he wrote back: "Send check; if good, will send six dozen eggs."

Eggs preserved by a new process for a period of fourteen weeks produced chickens that were strong and healthy.

A little boy wrote in an essay on chickens: "Chickens is very wonderful animals. You can eat them before they're born or after they're dead!"

CHILDREN'S FATAL DISEASES

Worms and parasites in the intestines of children undermine health and so weaken their vitality that they are unable to resist the diseases so fatal to child life. The safe course is to give a few doses of White Cream Vermifuge. It destroys and expels the worms without the slightest injury to the health or activity of the child. Price 35c. Sold by
EMPIRE DRUG COMPANY—Decatur



JUICY STEAKS THAT SATISFY!

—Beaming eyes, a smile, a sigh and then — the sound of smacking lips! Those are the inevitable results of tasting one of our tender, juicy Steaks. They satisfy.

—Clean, sanitary home cooking prepared in a tasteful manner that appeals to the most discriminating.

PLATE LUNCHES DAILY

Short Orders at all Hours

Picnic Lunches and Sandwiches Prepared.

WOODSDALE CAFE

DALE WOODS, Proprietor
S. E. Corner Square. Decatur, Texas

Ford

Terms to Fit Your Pocket and Job

MAYBE you envy the chap who wakes you up at 4 o'clock Sunday morning when he backs out of his garage to go fishin', but the chances are that he is not as well able financially to own a Ford as you are.

The trouble is you have the wrong idea about what it takes to buy a Ford. Someone told you something about terms who didn't know a thing about it, and you took it, hook, sinker, cork and all!

If you really want a Ford car, there es almost always some way to fix it up comfortably for everyone concerned. If you'll come down we'll show you our terms and glad to do it! We won't expect you to buy unless you want to buy and can afford to. All we want to do is make it plain that you CAN have a Ford if you want it.

DECATUR MOTOR COMPANY
Decatur, Texas

Gentlemen:—Please tell me the very best terms you will make me. It is implicitly agreed that this places me under no obligation whatever.

Kind of Ford interested in.....

Name.....

Address.....

Decatur Motor Co.

"Complete Automotive Service"

N. Trinity Street : : : Decatur, Texas

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day or night with
GAS

HOT WATER for the daily bath, the morning shave, for kitchen use, for the home laundry, or for ANY purpose, is available instantly at the turn of a faucet, when you use GAS for heating water. The ability to have plenty of hot water for all purposes, at all hours, is one of the biggest advantages of gas. One reason why you can rely on gas to meet your every heating requirement is that the vast pipeline system of Lone Star Gas Company backs up the service of your local gas company enabling the latter to supply you with gas continuously.

Lone Star Gas Co.

The Lone Star Gas Company is a producer, purchaser, pipe line transporter and wholesaler of natural gas. It serves you by backing up the service of your local gas company.

BOYD NEWS

Marco Terry of Rhome, was in Boyd Sunday.

Ross Patterson spent the week-end in Denton.

Miss Mozelle Wilson spent the week-end at Brazos.

Miss Faye Splawn spent the week in Fort Worth.

Morris Maley and John Talley were in Fort Worth Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Lawrence Goodger and Miss Novella Fulps were in Decatur last Monday.

Misses Novella and Ruby Fulps were guests of Miss Mozelle Wilson first of the week.

Grady Grandstaff has returned to his home here after a long visit in Oklahoma.

Lewis Fulps and Arvel Walker were present at the Easter egg hunt Sunday at Garvin.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John McKennan, on Friday, April 22nd, 1927, a daughter.

Tom Fulps entertained the young folks of the community with a party Saturday night.

Boyd baseball team defeated the Rhome nine in a game Wednesday to the tune of 8 to 5.

Misses Ruth Arrington and Sarah Wren took their pupils on an Easter egg hunt last Friday.

Carl Spencer was honored with a party Wednesday night, given by his friend, Elmer Splawn.

SWEETWATER NEWS

The health of the community is good at this writing.

Weather has cleared up, but it has reminded us that winter is not over.

Mrs. Clifford Boydston visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boone Gentry, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Marion Gibbon has been elected by the school board to teach in the Sweetwater school next term.

Material is being hauled this week to the site of the test well on the Bell property, just southeast of the Latham Gentry farm.

Mrs. Marion Gibbon and Miss Alma Shoemaker closed a successful term of school at Sweetwater Friday, April 15th. A picnic and ball game featured the closing exercises. The play was given last Friday night to a good sized crowd.

BRUMLOW NEWS

Earl McNutt of Oklahoma, is visiting relatives here.

Albert Smith was in Eastland on business last week.

Mrs. Austin is visiting relatives and friends in the Sycamore community.

Frost of Thursday night damaged the gardens and other crops here considerably.

Mr. and Mrs. John Atkinson entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Wade of Oak Grove, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Parrish.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rhine and Mrs. W. M. Rhine were in Fort Worth shopping on Wednesday.

Miss Volney Jones, who has been visiting here for the past two weeks, has returned to her home at Drop.

Misses Jewell, Clois and Corinne Roberts spent Saturday with Misses Alma Lee, Rachel, Johnnie Parrish.

Vernon Atkinson, student in Decatur high school, spent the week-end with his parents in this community.

Frank Clement and son and Tom Clement of Burk Burnett, visited relatives and friends here last week-end.

Those visiting the school last Friday were Irvin, Leon and Harley Atkinson, Maurine Martin and Ellen Williamson.

Miss Alma Sims met with the club girls Thursday, April 21st, when the work for the year to be carried out by the girls was discussed.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Atkinson Tuesday were Mrs. W. R. Mote and children, Mrs. Varina Fugate and son, Mrs. O. F. Stockton and daughter and Miss Volney Jones.

KEETER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bradford called on Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vandiver Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rhoten of Boyd, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jude Wilson last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson spent Saturday night and Sunday with their son, Tom Wilson, and family at Boyd.

Most all of our farmers are engaging in the poultry business. Poultry raising promises to become one of the money crops in this section.

Good number from this community attended the program rendered by the Pleasant Grove school Friday night. School closed at Pleasant Grove on Friday afternoon.

Farmers are wishing for some shiny weather. There is a lot of work to be done in the fields, including replanting of most all crops, as the heavy rains and hails have destroyed almost everything planted.

Adulteration of wine was punishable by death in Germany in 1752.



CIRCLE MEETINGS HELD BY BAPTIST W. M. S.

Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met on Monday afternoon at three o'clock in the separate circles:

Mrs. J. B. Green was hostess to circle one when they held the regular semi-monthly meeting at her home in South Decatur. Among those present were Misses Boyd, T. E. Glossup, J. H. Gentry, E. Walker, J. D. Shipman, Holley Renshaw, J. H. Rowan, E. B. Clark and the hostess.

Circle two met at the church. Mrs. Gus Elrod led an interesting devotional on the twenty-third Psalm, and an inspiring Bible lesson followed. Those present were Misses J. G. Gose, R. L. Bond, J. E. Boyd, D. I. Jones, T. S. Williams, Rufus Green, C. L. Christian, Jim Stephens, Gus Elrod, and one new member, Mrs. E. W. Thrasher.

Circle three met at the home of Mrs. A. D. Reeves. After a short business session the teacher led an interesting Bible lesson. Later, the hostess served tasty refreshments to Misses Singleton, Johnnie McFarlin, Bell Jones, J. V. Patterson, R. L. Blankenship, J. H. Heathington, R. L. Hunt and W. W. Boyd; Miss Bill Reeves and Rev. R. E. Bell.

Circle four met at the home of Mrs. J. U. Thompson on South Lang street. Following an interesting business session, Mrs. Will Bowman conducted a splendid Bible lesson. Lovely refreshments were served to Misses A. J. Shelton, Will Bowman, J. W. Bailey, H. H. Shelton, S. J. Madden, George Foster, John Lambert, T. H. Dunn, W. T. McCracken, L. B. Gill, Hubert Dillehay and little son, Ted Z.

Circle five met in the home of Mrs. Joe Gogers. Mrs. C. K. Wilkerson led on inspiring devotional on the twelfth chapter of Romans, and Mrs. S. M. Ward taught the Bible lesson. The subject was "Jairus' Daughter and a Nameless Woman Healed." Mrs. Floyd Clifton gave an interesting lecture on the mission book, "Our Supreme Challenge to Foreign Missions." Hostess served dainty refreshments to Misses Bob Cates, R. S. Miller, J. N. Hinkle, Charles Stokes, Floyd Clifton, C. K. Wilkerson, T. J. Dillehay, Curran New, E. P. Gibson and S. M. Ward.

Circle six met at the home of Mrs. Bruce Bulzard. Mrs. P. A. Davis taught the Bible lesson on "Jezebel." Those present were Misses J. A. Christian, Lester Bell, M. H. Montgomery, W. O. Bailey, A. S. Martin and C. L. Cummings.

MRS. SHULTS HOSTESS TO CHRISTIAN LADIES' AID.

Ladies' Aid Society of the First Christian church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. C. Shults. An interesting review of 14 Samuel was conducted by various members of the society.

Among those present were Misses A. L. Alland, B. E. Grubbs, H. T. Breedlove and R. R. Lindley.

MISS LACEY ENTERTAINED FRIENDS AT HER HOME.

Miss Frances Lacey entertained a number of friends at her home last Saturday night. After making ice cream, the group was entertained by Mildred Dillehay, who gave musical numbers readings, and danced the Charleston.

Those present were: Misses Orlena Davenport, Anna Elyse Cook, Emma Dean Belew, Mildred Dillehay, Fannie Pearl Askey, Lois Davis and Minnie Pearl Arnett; Messrs. Turney Hall Douglas Faith, Francis Milligan, T. J. Elder Jr. and Calvin Workman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

T. O. G. Club will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Miss Maurine McCracken on South Lang street.

Ladies' Aid Society of the First Christian church will meet Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Milton Wallace.

O. F. F. Club will meet this Friday evening at the home of Miss Anna Elyse Cook, with Misses Cook and Orlena Davenport as hostesses.

Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Methodist church will meet Monday night at the home of Mrs. L. W. Tyler, with Misses Margaret Boyd and Hanna Marie Renshaw as hostesses.

Circles of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. church, south, will meet Monday, May 2nd, at three p. m.: Circle one with Mrs. W. C. Loveless, circle two with Mrs. Buck Collins, and circle three with Mrs. T. H. Wright.

L. A. L. CLUB ENJOYED PICNIC WEDNESDAY.

One of the most enjoyable social events of the week was a picnic held Wednesday evening at Joe Wheeler Park for the members of the L. A. L. Club and their husbands.

Among those who attended this jolly affair were: Messrs and Misses, W. T. Hill and little son, S. L. Hardwick and son, C. A. Reeves, Roy Robertson and little daughter; Misses Margaret Tumulty, Bill Reeves, Linnie Blewett.

T. O. G. CLUB MET THURSDAY WITH MISS GENTRY.

Misses Faye Reeves and Thelma Gaines Gentry were joint hostesses to the T. O. G. Club Thursday when they held their regular meeting at the home of the latter. Five new members were elected to membership in the club.

During the social hour lovely refreshments were served to Misses Ava White, Bess McMordie, Louise Greer, Gladys Thomason, Virginia Patterson, Maxine Christian, Maurine McCracken, Carrie Alice Mays, Joyce Lacey, Verna Toland, Hortense Potts and Vera McCurdy.

MRS. S. A. LILLARD HOSTESS TO WORTH WHILE CLUB.

Mrs. S. A. Lillard was hostess to the Worth While Club on Thursday April 21st.

After distributing the books, interesting current events were given by each member present. The story of San Jacinto was given by Mrs. S. A. Lillard. Music was furnished by Mrs. S. T. Lillard.

Delicious cake and hot chocolate were served to the following members: Misses Fred Thomason, Jack Walker, S. T. Lillard, J. H. Rowan, Johnnie McFarlin, D. H. Payne, A. J. Mann, T. J. Elder, H. B. Pearson, Minnie McCarter, Joe Rogers, T. H. Wright, Lute Renshaw, J. J. Ingram and Will Renshaw.

M. E. CHURCH BIBLE CLASS MET MONDAY P. M.

Misses Bess Thomason and J. N. Crabtree were hostesses to the Bible class of Woman's Missionary Society, M. E. church, south, on Monday, April 25th. The lesson was Galatians first and second chapters.

After an interesting lesson, dainty refreshments were served to about thirty women.

MISSES BOYD AND CLARK HOSTESSES TO O. F. F. CLUB.

An interesting meeting of O. F. F. Club was held Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Margaret Boyd, with Misses Boyd and Elmer Vernice Clark as hostesses.

During the business session it was voted to leave some remembrance at the high school at the close of this school term by which the club may be remembered in future years.

Later the hostesses served dainty refreshments to Misses Dorothy Patterson, Lula Clay Mecaskey, Fannie Pearl Askey, Mildred Dillehay, Anna Elyse Cook, Orlena Davenport, Flora Reeves, Naomi Wright, Annette McMordie, Elmer Vernice Clark, Hanna Marie Renshaw, Cathryn Ruth Helms, Estelle Belew, Imogene Moore, Isobelle Hunt, Minnie Pearl Arnett and Emma Dean Belew.

"Talking about inventions," said the grocer, "I have a little machine in my place that would make me a millionaire if I could only keep it going all the time."

"You don't say so? What's that?"

"A cash register."

A grocer had been visiting a certain widow every evening.

"Why don't you marry her?" asked a friend.

"I've often thought about it," was the reply, "but where would I spend my evenings then?"

Mrs. Smith—"My husband just loves canned food."

Mrs. Brown—"Well, I'm not much of a cook, either."

"He always was a bad egg, but nobody seemed to notice it while he was rich."

"Yes—he was all right until he was broke!"

Silk worms have an active enemy in mice.

Paper money was made in China five hundred years ago.

Citizens in Gloucester Township, Quebec, who do not pay their taxes are not permitted to vote.

What was believed to be the oldest horse in the world died in Rushville, Illinois, recently at the age of forty.

When Robert Lockhart of Dunfermline, Scotland, tried to play golf in Central Park, New York, in 1888, he was arrested.

The almost unknown phenomenon of snow for Christmas was experienced by the people of Lisbon, Portugal, last Christmas.

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BENEFIT CONCERT FOR BAND AT H. S. TONIGHT

Decatur Band will contribute the following numbers to the musical entertainment to be given tonight in the high school auditorium as its part of a miscellaneous program to be rendered for the purpose of acquiring funds to help defray the expense of sending the band to Wichita Falls next month to attend the West Texas chamber of commerce convention, for the express purpose of advertising Decatur and Decatur College.

Incidental to the band concert there will be contributed a number of other vocal selections by some of the most pleasing of the good musical talent of the town, among them being quartet numbers by the Nobles Brothers and Willard Jones quartet, special numbers by Faust Nobles, Misses Estelle Belew and Ruth Hoyl, instrumental and song selections by two popular artists of the college, Duff and Wilson.

The band program:
 "Square Shooter March"—Fradanecio
 "Western World Overture"—Chenette
 "Mary Lou"—Popular
 "Sunshine of Your Smile"—Trombone Solo—William Ray

Perry Sanifer
 "Rose Colored Glasses"—Popular
 "Old Timer's Waltz"—Medley of Numbers popular twenty-five to thirty years ago, inclusive of "The Side Walks of New York," "Bowerly," "Sweet Rosie O'Grady," "Daisy Bell," "Comrades," "Little Annie Rooney," "She May Have Seen Better Days," "The Band Played On," "After the Ball."

"Sim Trombone"—Henry Fillmore
 "Tankee Notions"—Chas. Sanghaer

Error in Lake Decatur Article for Last Week

In last week's issue of the Messenger statement was made that Will Stokes, last year, in presenting a numerous signed petition to have been appointed keeper of Decatur Lake to the city council, stated that he would accept the place at a salary of twenty-five dollars per month and the right to sell minnows to fishermen. This was an error. Mr. Stokes did not name any salary, and the petition did not stipulate the amount wanted by him.

Messenger understands the salary for the keeper at the lake had been set before the selection of a keeper was made.

Knowledge is the parent of love; wisdom, love itself.—J. C. A. W. Hare.

Chico Citizens Manifest Much Interest in Road

Banker V. E. Baldrige of Chico, here Wednesday with the delegation from his town to see about that seven mile stretch of bad road between Decatur and Sandy Creek, is an enthusiastic booster for the proposition.

"We Chico citizens are behind the movement. We are here with the Bridgeport citizens to assist Decatur people in securing this badly needed road. Those of us who travel over that miserable stretch know what we want," he stated to a representative of the Messenger.

Mr. Baldrige is one of the progressive and wide-awake business men of the Chico country.

"China Sees Red" Title of Story for Magazine

A thin line of barbed wire entanglements, with here and there a machine gun, today marks the boundary between ancient and modern; between yellow and white. That line is drawn around the boundaries of the two foreign quarters of Shanghai, French concession and the international settlement in the capital city.

Here, near the mouth of China's greatest river, the Yangtze, a little promontory of the west juts into the great yellow sea which is China. And standing on it are a handful of Europeans and Americans, claiming the right to live and trade. They are supported by a fleet of warships at anchor and buttressed by detachments of British, Indian, French, Japanese, Annamite and American troops.

Will the line hold, or will the hated foreigner be swept from Chinese soil by that great wave of nationalism which, rolling northward from Canton, has engulfed all Southern China and seems to threaten the north?

"China Sees Red" is an article ably written by Lewis Rex Miller, assistant professor of history at Harvard University. The article will appear in the monthly magazine section of the Wise County Messenger on May 6th.

Kissing costs the Japanese government \$125,000 a year, even though it is officially barred as immoral and unsanitary. The sum is expended in cutting kissing scenes from moving pictures.

In former years it was believed that mistletoe had some mysterious medicinal virtues when picked from an oak tree.

In Tibet it is the custom of the natives, when meeting friends, to stick out their tongues as a mark of respect.

Cold Snacks for Growing School Children



"Remember, mother, we have just one hour for lunch!"

This very important announcement is made when the little boy or girl, who for six years has eaten home luncheons, with all of the wholesome things the baby specialist has prescribed, has suddenly become a person of affairs, who goes to school morning and afternoon with just one hour for his noon-day meal.

A warm lunch at home is always best, but sometimes the school is a long way from home and little feet make haste slowly with a world of new and alluring things along the way. Then the brand new lunch box becomes an item on the day's menu.

Suppose Sonny likes chicken sandwiches. They may be made from the boneless chicken which can be kept on hand in cans. Add a crisp lettuce leaf

and tuck it away in waxed paper. Part of the "quart of milk per day" so vital for the growing child may be consumed for luncheon, varied now and then by adding the chocolate malt from cans. A convenient way to pack it is in a small cream bottle. And don't forget to put in straws!

Fresh fruit, of course, may go in—a banana, an apple or whatever Sonny likes best. Cookies are almost a joy and ginger-snap cookies, most healthful of all, now come in cans which will keep fresh on the pantry shelf.

As for goodies—which should be in the nature of a surprise—try dates stuffed with pineapple. Use a medium can of Hawaiian tid-bits or cut the sliced pineapple into small wedged pieces. Stone dates and put a piece of pineapple in each. Roll in sugar and pack in wax paper bags.

Legume on Farms Fine Fits Rotation Program

A good rotation system should include a legume and a cultivated crop. The rotation and crops to be used will depend upon local conditions. Purpose of growing a legume is to gather nitrogen from the air and store it in the soil. Legumes also help maintain the supply of humus. Clovers, cow peas, soy beans, vetch and crimson clover are the leading legumes for this purpose. Vetch is usually grown with rye in the east and south.

Cultivation improves the physical and chemical conditions of the soil. Furthermore, by means of cultivation, manure can be worked in and made available.

"Gentlemen are reminded that they are not allowed to dine in this hall wearing what are vulgarly known as plus-fours and Oxford bags."—Notice Posted at Oxford University.

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BURLESQUE ON CITY'S ACTIVITIES THURSDAY

Do you know what kind of a person you are? What are your most noticeable characteristics and eccentricities, and how do you appear to other people? How would you like to have a seat in some nice, quiet corner somewhere and watch yourself go by for awhile and "see yourself as others see you?" The great poet, Burns, begged for that privilege, but it was never accorded him. The people of Decatur are more fortunate, for on Thursday night at the high school auditorium a chance will be given all who are interested to see themselves on parade and gather a little first-hand information about themselves.

This opportunity is being offered thru the efforts of the faculty and the annual staff of Decatur high school, and is to consist of a travesty or burlesque on prominent people and organizations in Decatur. There will be several divisions of the program in which will be included burlesques or "take-offs" on the Owl Club, chamber of commerce, Lions Club, Woman's Missionary Society, Musicians' Club, O. F. F. Club, Decatur Band and the

Former Decatur Girl Is Accomplished Musician

Clippings from a Denver, Colorado, newspaper coming to Decatur carry stories of the strides being made by a former Decatur girl, Miss Margaret McMillan, in musical circles in that state. Miss McMillan was one of the state winners in piano contests recently, and was chosen a member of a team to represent the state in national piano contests at Chicago.

Friends of the young lady in Decatur are pleased to know of the success she is making in the piano realm.

Attend the band concert tonight!

high school faculty. A special feature will be "Men About Town," featuring a typical street scene in Decatur and impersonations of such prominent and influential characters as Eagle Gunn, Dr. S. J. Petty, Gus Pickett, Dr. J. V. Prumty, Miss Bell Ford and Sam Hill. Special plans are being made for the Woman's Missionary Society, and the ladies will be shown serving the Lions Club in their weekly luncheon. The men will take the part of the women and present a travesty on the regular meetings of the Owl Club and Musicians' Club. Special pains are being taken with costumes.

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 Children's panty dresses; in assorted
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MRS. WAGGONER GAVE NEW FUND TO T. W. C.

Mrs. Dan Waggoner, former citizen of Decatur, but for a number of years a resident of Fort Worth, has given the building fund of Texas Woman's College in Fort Worth a check for fifteen thousand dollars, the money to be used in improving the Ann Waggoner hall on the college campus, a structure built several years ago by Mrs. Waggoner and donated to the school. It is said that with the latest contribution the total given to the T. W. C. institution by Mrs. Waggoner amounts to ninety-seven thousand.

She is the widow of the late Dan Waggoner, who laid the foundation for his vast fortune in Decatur, more than fifty years ago. At the time of Mr. Waggoner's death, which occurred in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at the Antlers Hotel, he was worth five million dollars. A division of the property gave Mrs. Waggoner three million dollars in money and land, and two million dollars went to the son, Tom Waggoner. Since the pioneer cattleman's death, what he left to his wife and son has been increased tremendously, and today Mrs. Waggoner is reputed to be one of the wealthiest individuals in the state, while the Tom Waggoner fortune is estimated to be more than three hundred million.

Forty years ago Tom Waggoner was a cow-hand on his father's ranch, drawing down the princely salary of twenty-five dollars per month. He clerked in a frontier general store in Decatur before becoming identified with his father's cattle interests.

Owl Club Thanks Local Business Men for Help

The Owl Club is very grateful to the business men of Decatur for their assistance and willingness in making it possible to have such a wonderful ball game Wednesday, thus showing to the world again their athletic ability.

We sincerely appreciate their cooperation, and will say we are for Decatur and its business establishments always. We also want to express our appreciation to the college for the use of the ball park and the athletic equipment.—Reporter.

Court of Nations Will Feature C. of C. Meet

Sponsors to the West Texas chamber of commerce convention in Wichita Falls, May 16th and 17th, will be presented at what has been termed the "Court of Nations." This feature will take place Monday evening, the first day of the convention, at the baseball park, where the seating capacity will be ten thousand. Many of the sponsors, coming from cities and towns representing a foreign country, will be garbed in costumes common or familiar to the countries represented by her city. The most gorgeous fireworks display ever presented to a Texas assemblage will be part of the event.

More than one hundred sponsors are expected. Those not representing a foreign country will be presented during the first part of the program. A concluding feature will be the presentation of Miss America. This feature is being directed by Mrs. B. G. O'Neal, chairman of the ladies' committee, and by J. S. Pittman, prominent pianist of that city, who gained quite a reputation as an artist while traveling with the Shrine Chanters of Maskat temple. The program promises to excel any ever given in this section.

Good Fishing Story in May Magazine Section

May is usually the time of the year when a fellow's thought turns to green forests, rippling streams, lakes—and how many fish he would catch if he could just get away from the irksome grind and petty detail of every-day life. He visions camping out by the side of a sparkling stream, far from the haunts of men, and cooking to a golden brown a string of bass or perch or channel cat.

A true fishing story is told by one of five fishermen who visited the big lake, near Fort Stockton, on the Leon Springs irrigation project, where bass and blue cat predominate.

The story will appear in the monthly magazine section of the Messenger on May 6th.

Shiloh M. E. Church.

Attend the services at Shiloh next Sunday. A good Baptist friend will preach in my absence, and no doubt better than I.—Outler D. Gose.

LOOK THIS OVER!

After May 1st I will sell any number of the best White Leghorn chicks obtainable for \$8.00 per 100 at the Hatchery. Any amount of custom hatching for \$2.00 per tray of ninety-six eggs (set on Wednesday of each week).

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Lillard Believes Sheep and Goats Pay in Wise

Does it pay to keep sheep and goats? Reports from the Lillard Ranch in Kinney county, Southwest Texas, are highly indicative that goats pay, at least. Mr. Lillard supplies the following figures. Thirty-five hundred head of goats are kept on the ranch, from which the recent shearing of eight thousand pounds of mohair were obtained from the kid or young stock, and fourteen hundred pounds from the old stock. The crop from the young stock sold for fifty-four cents per pound, and that from the old stock brought sixty-four cents. Total cash receipts from sales were \$5280.00. Another shearing will come in the fall with probable similar returns.

No feeding was required other than that furnished by the range. The sum total of expenses was what was paid out for fencing and the labor of one man attendant.

But, Mr. Lillard thinks Wise county is a good place to raise sheep and goats, and suggests that farmers think about the business with a view of getting into it when they can. He reasons that a few sheep should be kept on most farms and that a large number should be kept on a great many farms where there is ample range and more room.

Former Decatur Lady Died in California City

Death came suddenly Saturday evening at seven o'clock to Mrs. Lee Irvin Donald, wife of Guy D. Donald, district engineer, following a day spent in Los Angeles with her son, Douglas. Returning to San Pedro early in the afternoon, she stopped at one of the local stores, and on arriving at her home, 1147 Adams Court, complained of drowsiness. Later she fell into a sleep which lapsed into unconsciousness. A physician was called, but her condition was not regarded as serious until later in the afternoon, when a doctor was again summoned; but before her arrival, she had passed away.

Deceased was born February 14th, 1885, in Boone Terre, Missouri. She moved with her family in 1902 to Los Angeles. She was married to Mr. Donald in 1906, and for four years they made their home in Texas. In 1910 they removed to Los Angeles, where Mr. Donald has since been connected with the civil service. Since Mr. Donald's appointment as district engineer, they have made their home in San Pedro, where the family has scores of friends. Immediate survivors are her widower, Guy Donald, and son, Douglas, former high school student; brother, Derwood Irvin of Long Beach; mother, Mrs. Nancy Irvin of San Pedro.—San Pedro Paper.

The United States government has more scientific experts at work on the eradication of obnoxious insects than all the other nations of the world.

Approximately one hundred new words are added each year to the English language.

Bad Color (biliousness)

"OCCASIONALLY I am troubled with spells of constipation," says Mrs. John L. Pence, Broadway, Va. "I always use Thedford's Black-Draught when I feel a spell of this kind coming on, for it saves me a bad headache. My color gets sallow at times. I get real yellow."

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FARMERS HERE URGED TO WATCH FOR WEEVIL

M. E. Currie of Austin, inspector from the state department of agriculture, visited the chamber of commerce office last week while here to make an investigation of possible sweet potato weevil operations in the county. He reported the depredations of this insect to be very severe in a number of leading potato growing counties in South Texas; in fact, the last legislature passed a measure practically proscribing shipment of potatoes from infected counties.

Farmers in Wise county, who are free from the weevil, should be very careful to guard their premises from the approach of the destructive bug. Eggs and possibly weevils are transmitted from place to place on potato plants and slips that are brought in from infected districts and on other shipments. There are a number of counties in South Texas from which plants should not be imported. The state department of agriculture is now making examination of potato plant growing farms and issuing certificates testifying to non-infection. It is safe to buy these certified plants, said Mr. Currie.

It is believed that this terrific pest does not exist and it is to be hoped will not obtain a foothold in Wise county. Mr. Currie advised farmers here to be very careful and watchful. The weevil eats its way into the grown potato and ruffles the skins of their contents, and when they become bad, as they are apt to do wherever started, no good potatoes are left in the patch.

In Bohemia the willow is said to be the tree on which Judas hanged himself, and it is supposed to have a special attraction for suicides.

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. A. Alexander, G. H. Alexander and Chas. Alexander, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the county court of Wise County, to be held at the court house thereof in Decatur, Texas, on the first Monday in July, A. D. 1927, the same being the 4th day of July, A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 16th day of April, A. D. 1927 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 2574, wherein, Decatur Cash Grocery Company, a corporation is plaintiff, and W. A. Alexander, G. H. Alexander and Chas. Alexander are defendants and said petition alleging that on the 2nd day of May, 1925, defendants W. A. Alexander and G. H. Alexander made, executed for a valuable consideration delivered to plaintiff their joint and several notes in the principal sum of \$153.45 due and payable to plaintiff in Wise County, Texas, on the 1st day of October, 1925, and providing for an additional sum of ten per cent on the principal amount then due by way of attorney fees if said note should not be paid at maturity; that said note is long past due and unpaid and defendants have failed and refused to pay the same, has been placed in the hands of an attorney for collection and suit instituted on same.

That on the 22nd day of May, 1925, plaintiff, at the special instance and request of the defendants Chas. Alexander and G. H. Alexander sold and delivered to them certain goods, wares and merchandise and groceries for the agreed sum and price of \$122.68, which said defendants Chas. Alexander and G. H. Alexander agreed jointly and severally to pay for, but which said sum they and each of them have failed and refused to pay or any part thereof.

That on the 22nd day of May, A. D. 1925, plaintiff, at the special instance and request of defendant G. H. Alexander, sold and delivered to him certain goods, wares and merchandise and groceries to the amount and in the sum of \$42.10, which said sum the said G. H. Alexander then agreed to pay plaintiff in Wise County, Texas, but that he has wholly failed and refused to pay the same or any part thereof.

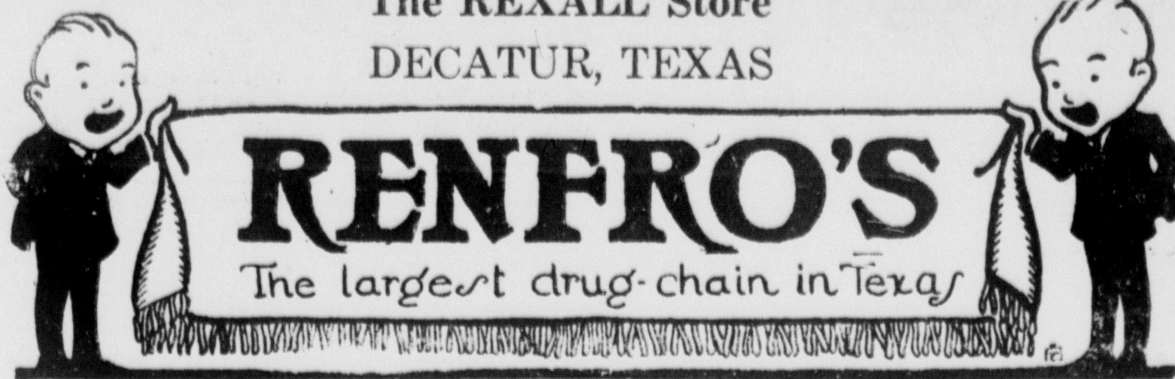
That on the 25th day of July, 1925, plaintiff, at the special instance and request of the defendant G. H. Alexander, sold and delivered to said defendant certain goods, wares, merchandise and groceries to the amount and to the extent of \$96.15, which said sum said defendant then agreed to pay plaintiff in Wise County, Texas, but which he has wholly failed and refused to pay the same or any part thereof.

That all of said accounts above mentioned are long past due, and that plaintiff has been damaged to the extent and in the amounts as in said accounts respectively stated. Plaintiff prays for judgment against W. A. Alexander and G. H. Alexander, jointly and severally, for the amount of the principal, interest and attorney fees as stated in said note; that it have judgment against Chas. Alexander and G. H. Alexander, jointly and severally, in the sum of \$122.68; and that it have judgment against G. H. Alexander, personally, in the further sum of \$42.10, costs of suit and such other and further relief in law and equity as it may be justly entitled to receive.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, Texas, on this 18th day of April, A. D. 1927.—LORY D. WHITE, Clerk, County Court, Wise County, Texas, By Clifton Hall, Deputy (Ap 22-My 13)

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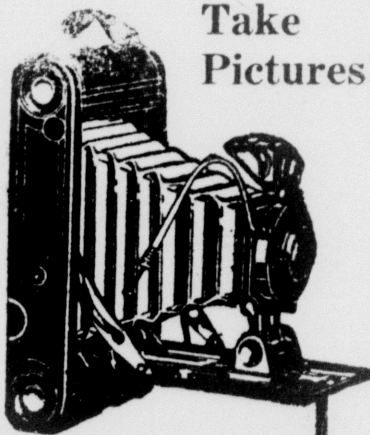
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Bromo
Seltzer

79c

65c
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49c

Opeko
Coffee
2 Lbs.

69c

FAT STOCK SHOW WAS GREATEST IN HISTORY

Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show held in Fort Worth last March not only established a new high gate receipts record but broke many other records, according to reports just submitted to the executive committee. A total of 125,000 persons attended the eight day event.

The largest exhibit of live stock ever shown in Fort Worth passed before the review of judges who went there from many states.

In announcing the attendance figures, Secretary-Manager J. B. Davis said that the number of visitors for 1927 out-numbered 1925 by 25,000. The fact that many of the guests at the show were from out-of-town points was evidenced by the fact that Fort Worth's hotels during exposition week experienced the greatest demand for rooms they have ever faced.

In 1926 a total of 1,556 stock were taken to the fat stock show. In 1927 the total reached 2,755, or an increase of 1,199. In 1926 seventy-four car lots were shipped there for entrance at the exposition and the cars in 1927 the total reached one hundred and six. More states than ever before were represented by the live stock exhibits.

In only a few classes did the 1927 show out-number the recent event in the number of entries. There was a slight decrease in Angus. Large increases were shown in the Herefords, baby beef classes, Shorthorns and Jerseys. Baby beef entries reached nine hundred and fifteen, while in 1926 the total was seven hundred and seventy.

Rodeo, principal feature of entertainment of the exposition, played to capacity houses at practically every performance. Thousands of tickets for standing room were sold.

Pagant, opening event of the exposition, attracted thousands, some of whom were forced to stand. Governor Moody and the members of the legislature being present for this event helped attract the crowds, altho the pagant has in nearly all cases sold out there.

Dates for the next show probably will be fixed at an early date. Because of the growth of the show, the exposition's staff will be kept intact so that all year efforts can be put forth to bring about an ever greater show next year.

Chevrolet Is Favorite in Nevada Gold Rush

Recalling the thrilling days of Virginia City, Goldfield and other famous Nevada mining camps in the period that succeeded the rush of the "forty-niners" to California, the new gold excitement at Weepah in Nevada now promises to provide more material for romantic present day writers just as those early day mining camps give inspiration to Bret Harte and Mark Twain for their immortal fiction.

The father of the latest gold craze is Frank Horton Jr., the actual discoverer of the new lode, with Frank Horton Sr. as his guide and backer. Whether their gold claims warrant the wild excitement that has been aroused or not, Weepah already is a flourishing community of some four hundred tents and cabins—with lowly burrows, displaced in most cases either by shiny new automobiles or cars of ancient vintage.

Horton Sr. is said to be worth a million himself. He is a former Californian and did not appear upon the scene of his son's discovery until word of his boy's rich strike in Nevada was brought to him in his California home.

Early visitors to the camp found Chevrolet to be the favorite means of transportation among those busily engaged in mining operations. Automobiles were declared to be more economical, less unruly and far more trustworthy than the pack animals of an earlier era for the long trips across desert and mountain country which are incidents of a mining engineer and prospector's life.

Chevrolts may be found everywhere about the camp and the picture shown of the two Hortons was made only a short distance from "discovery" and almost in the center of this youthful and thriving community.

Spirit of Jean LaFitte Is Stalking in the Land

Spirit of 1817 stalks about in the land again! The spirit of Jean LaFitte, bronzed and bearded buccaner whose nefarious enterprises have been exploited for more than a century, returns after a lapse of years. And lately reports have been circulated that bearded strangers have appeared in the places where LaFitte's treasures are said to have been buried, and have begun excavations in a search for the buried wealth. These strangers have visited Galveston Island, it is said, and left mysterious holes in the ground near the spot of LaFitte's old fort and "Red House." While living on Galveston Island, LaFitte built the Red House and the fort as a rendezvous for himself and his piratical crew.

There is romance and adventure in the story of "The Spirit of Jean LaFitte." Read it in the monthly magazine section of the Messenger, to be issued on May 6th.

American women over fifteen years of age one in four is a bread earner.

Wise County School Notes

By WALLACE GREGG, County Superintendent

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS AND ACTIVITIES CARRIED ON BY INSTITUTIONS OVER THE COUNTY.

College Entrance Examinations.

Examinations for college entrance credits will be held May 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th at Decatur, Slidell, Boyd, Bridgeport, Chico and Alvord.

A certain schedule will be followed in the examinations. English will be given between certain hours on one particular day and at no other time. This obtains for all subjects. This schedule will probably not be known until the morning of May 9th, when the several packages containing the questions are opened. It will thus be necessary that all applicants for these credits be present at the place of examination Monday morning, May 9th. A pupil may take one or more subjects as he pleases. The fee is one dollar regardless of the number of subjects taken by the pupil.

Among the Schools.

The play, "Brown Eyed Betty," was presented by the high school students at Slidell Saturday night.

Sweetwater school presented the last program of their closing exercises on Friday night of last week.

Sycamore school distinguished itself at the district meet at Denton thru the work of Annie Phillips and Grace Hall. Miss Phillips won first in the three-R contest by a wide margin, and Miss Hall second place in the rural essay contest.

Miss Virginia Freeman, principal of the Sycamore school, and Miss Phillips will go to Austin next week, where Miss Phillips will enter the state meet in the three-R contest. The people of Sycamore community are confident that Annie will bring home the silver trophy cup offered first place winner in this contest.

The present wild scramble among teachers for places another year reminds one of the game once in favor at young people's parties in which seats were provided for all players except one. The player left standing would then cry, "fruit basket," whereupon everyone seated had to hunt another place. In the scramble some one was sure to be left without a seat. It would seem that the teachers have heard the cry, "fruit basket," and have suddenly decided to vacate and get into the race for a new position. This condition is not best for either the teachers or the schools. Trustees will do well to keep good teachers on the job wherever possible. The best system of schools can not be developed with a yearly turn-over in the personnel of the teaching force. A teacher can not develop and work out any consistent policy of procedure under three or more years in the same position. The teachers should also remember that holding the same position two or more years is the best recommendation that can be offered.

Slidell school board recently re-elected Miss Berta Chambers for her third year, and Misses Bethel Waldo and Verda Barnes for their second years with that school.

Term reports are coming in rapidly just now and most of them show care in gathering the required data. Mrs. Ida Holmes of the Pleasant Valley school, near Bridgeport, has the distinction of having turned in the neatest and most carefully worked out report reaching the office to date.

County School Board Meeting.

County school board met in special session on April 22nd and ordered the re-establishment and re-definition of the boundaries of the West Academy school district. This order was a necessary preliminary to ordering an election to determine whether the district should issue bonds for a new school building.

By order of the board, this office

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A Word With the Old Folks

Elderly People Are Learning Importance of Good Elimination.

IN the later years of life there is apt to be a slowing up of the bodily functions. Good elimination, however, is just as essential to the old as to the young. Many old folks have learned the value of Doan's Pills when a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys is required. Scanty or burning passages of kidney secretions are often signs of improper kidney function. In most every community are scores of users and endorsers who acclaim the merit of Doan's. Ask your neighbor!

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The board appointed H. E. Wilson trustee at Newark.

Attention, High School Seniors.

In the April number of the Texas School Journal we find this interesting guess at the value of an education:

"If you have a high school education your life is worth eighty-three times as much as if you had only a common school education, and eighty-seven times as much as if you had no education. If you have a literal education your life is worth nine and one-third times as much as if you had only a high school education; two hundred and fifteen times as much as if you had only a common school education and eight hundred and seventeen times as much as if you had no education. Of the notables in 'Who's Who' out of ten thousand men considered successful seven thousand seven hundred have had a college training."

You young men and women who are completing your high school courses owe it to yourselves to further develop your native abilities in college. Make "Me for College" your motto.

Office Announcements.

This office is indebted to W. E. Livengood of Draco school district No. 95 for a complete list of trustees for next year. His list also indicates the president and secretary of the board. We need such a list from every school district and will greatly appreciate the receipt of one.

The following excerpt from a letter from Superintendent S. M. N. Marrs will interest trustees and high school pupils:

"House Bill No. 463 requires the trustees of school districts to pay the tuition of resident high school students who can not receive instruction in their home districts. The act provides that if by payment of said tuition the interests of local elementary schools are affected detrimentally, application shall be made thru the county board of school trustees to the state for reimbursement for the amount of tuition paid, which must not exceed three dollars per month. No appropriation was made at the regular session of the legislature, but an appropriation of \$200,000 will be requested at the special session. The act will not become effective until September 1st of this year.

"House Bill No. 226 permits the holder of a permanent primary certificate built upon a first grade to teach such high school subjects as were included in the examination given to obtain the certificate.

"House Bill No. 491 requires the county board of school trustees on or before September 1st of each year to ascertain from the county depository the financial status of the common school districts of the county and to authorize the depository to charge

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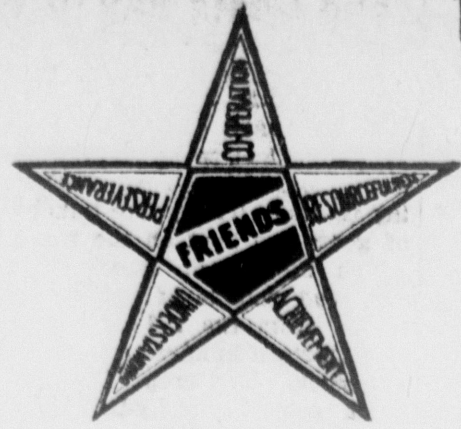
The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon S. L. Jackson, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise County, to be held at the court house thereof in Decatur, Texas, on the last Monday in May, A. D. 1927, the same being the 30th day of May, A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 14th day of April, A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 5640, wherein Mrs. Lillie Jackson is plaintiff and S. L. Jackson is defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff is a bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas and has so resided in said state for more than twelve months and has actually resided in Wise County for more than six months next preceding the filing of this petition; that on the 31st day of December, 1925, she was a widow by the name of Mrs. Melvin Crisp; that on said day she was lawfully married to defendant and lived with him until the 9th day of February, 1926, at which time defendant, without just cause, abandoned plaintiff, since which time they have not lived together as husband and wife. Plaintiff alleges as cause for said separation cruel, harsh and tyrannical treatment on the part of defendant toward plaintiff; that such action on the part of defendant renders further living together of plaintiff and defendant as man and wife insupportable.

Plaintiff prays judgment dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant and for a decree awarding to her as her separate estate all of lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 48 situated in the town of Southland, in Garza County, Texas, for costs of suit and for such other and further relief in law and in equity as she may be justly entitled to receive.

Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, Texas, this the 14th day of April, A. D. 1927.—J. C. ALEXANDER, Clerk of District Court, of Wise County, Texas. (Apr 22-May 13)



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DISTRICT Manager C. P. Dodson of the Texas Power & Light Company affairs in this district, is attending the convention of the big company this week in New Orleans. Before leaving for the Crescent City, Mr. Dodson stated to a Messenger reporter: "I am going to take time off while on the trip to put in some good links for our town and county. You know every little bit helps, and if we citizens would remember Delightful Decatur and Wonderful Wise on our trips and tell the people we meet of the splendid opportunities we have in our section, much good would no doubt result." Mr. Dodson carried a bundle of advertising matter about Decatur, the milk shipping center of the southwest.

IF A FARMER, living and owning property within a district that has voted upon itself a special highway tax, is compelled to pay the tax assessed on gasoline for the purpose of building and maintaining the same highway that is constructed and maintained by the special tax, is not that farmer being taxed too much? This question rose in the brain of the perpetrator of this column when Henry Askey, operating a farm southeast of Decatur, told us that he had purchased two hundred and twenty gallons of gasoline for his farm work, and the tax on the gas was \$6.60. This \$6.60 was collected by the state for the fund that is to be expended on the building and maintaining of the highway which is being repaired and maintained by a tax voted on Mr. Askey several years ago. If Mr. Askey is called upon to pay a Meridian Highway tax, thru the gasoline route, is he not being doubly taxed when he is commanded to shell down the twenty-two cents on the hundred dollar valuation of his property thru the special tax route for the same purpose?

HERE may be better men in congress, and there may be congressmen up there, who are more patriotic than Tom Blanton, but up to the present day no such animal has appeared in the law-making body of our national congress. He elected a prominent Decatur citizen, a Messenger representative, and a gentleman, went a little farther with his estimate of the Abner congressman and said: "They say that Blanton is a cheap-skate politician and a furtherer, but when you produce his record in congress his crimes close up like clams. In my opinion, no member I have never been a shouter for Blanton—he has done more constructive work in behalf of the people than any man in the lower house. That is saying a deal, I know, but what other man has fought the grafters and pilferers as this man has fought them? He has saved thousands of dollars to the tax payers of the country, and come to think about the man and his record, the people of Texas could do worse in electing him to the senate. Tom Blanton is solid, is not a high flyer in the poker playing circles, and he has no record as a loser of the cock-fight drinking and bet smoking female contingent in our gay capital."

MARVIN BROWN SMITH of Farmersville, over in Collin county, was here on a visit to friends and relatives, first of the week. The first place he hit after arriving in town was Messenger office. "To see the force and view the old haunts." He and the editor of the pioneer paper of Wonderful Wise are old friends and associates in all the shivers that were ever put forth in printing and publishing a country newspaper. "Way back yonder, when we were stripping 'intelligent compost' to us, we were together on Decatur publications. Later together we undertook the hazardous work of operating a newspaper for a little bunch of dissatisfied citizens, who had banded together for the purpose of rescuing the government from a blood thirsty octopus—that was the name of the capitalist group in those days. Subscriptions were paid in pumpkins and surplus meadow hay, and as neither of us had a haunter for pumpkin and were not the proud possessors of anything that could consume hay, we soon found the going heavy and surrendered our rights and privileges to the owners of the printing plant. We divided the goods we had accumulated during the partnership, Marvin taking the cedar water bucket and the writer getting the brindle cat that had taken up with us. Years later we came together again, buying the Messenger. When the owner and proprietor was recalled to do work in the Lord's vineyard. With nothing in the line of assets except a full grown confidence that we knew the printing business, the how in making a country newspaper, plenty of spizzierinkum and an indebtedness of more than two thousand

SUICIDE CLAIMS LIFE OF WOMAN NEAR DECATUR

Worry Over Failures of Crop Believed Cause of Awful Deed

Mrs. Emma Edson, about twenty-seven years of age, wife of Cube Edson, farmer, living on the Mrs. M. H. Fox farm, twelve miles southeast of Decatur, was found dead in her bed room early Monday morning. The body was on a bed, and nearly worn, a thirty-two calibre rifle and a razor in a rear room a number of blood spots were found on the floor. A young woman in the left breast and an ugly cut on the right side of the neck were the tell-tale evidences of the tragic end the desperate woman had selected to bring to a close her earthly career. A cotton string had been tied to the trigger of the rifle, and in jerking it Mrs. Edson pulled it apart, and in her hand was found a piece of the string. Death was instantaneous, as the rifle bullet passed thru her heart.

Accounting for the blood spots found in the rear room, it is believed that the crazed woman first attempted to cut her throat in that room. The razor was bloody when found on the bed.

Mr. Edson stated to Squire H. E. Brady, who was called to the scene, that his wife had time after time threatened to kill herself, and recently she made an attempt to shoot herself. She brooded over the hard luck that had come to her family thru crop failures, it is said, and gradually her mind gave way, causing her to commit the awful tragedy.

At the time Mrs. Edson shot herself other members of the family were in the home of a neighbor. When they returned the woman's body was found on the bed in her bed room.

The following letter, supposed to have been written by Mrs. Edson, was found among some clothing she had left at the Cornish church in the neighborhood where she had stopped in route about to see relatives in Austin, but growing weary, she returned home, leaving her bundle of clothing and the letter which she wrote to while in the church. The letter was written on pieces of wall paper and a paper sack and says:

"This is Cube Edson's wife. Sick, these leaves it to God and I come here for a purgery. God bless you all, pray for the soul that is gone. My name is Emma Edson. Don't curse my husband with my life for he is not the cause of it. Please I am the cause of it myself."

On the piece of paper sack was the following: "He ended me writing to other men and God knows I did not do that is why I don't want to live any longer. My life is up. None of my folks love me as they ought. Emma."

Better Kitchen Contest Is To Close Next Week

Home demonstration club women who entered the kitchen contest are putting the finishing touches on their kitchens this week. Mrs. Dick Collins and Mrs. W. L. Dallas will make the final scoring next week and names of the two winners will be announced in the early part of May.

Prizes of fifteen and ten dollars, offered by the Decatur chamber of commerce, will enable these two winners to attend the farmers' short course at A. & M. College in July.

After the county contest closes the first prize winner will have a chance to carry off the district prize and the state prize, which are given by the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News and A. & M. College. Miss Myrtle Murray, district home demonstration agent, is to judge the kitchens in this district during the month of May.

and dollars we blazed out. The venture was a success, and soon the paper was one of the recognized leaders in the country field. For more than fifteen years we loved and labored together. Three years ago the partnership was dissolved, and my long time friend and associate took over the Farmersville Times—and his splendid training and ability in the newspaper game are reflected, and the Times is one of the outstanding publications in that section. For more than thirty years we have been friends, and during all that time the bonds have been as strong as steel."

Wise County Ladies Plan Trip to Denton

College of Industrial Arts, in cooperation with the extension service of the A. & M. College of Texas, will hold its first annual short course in Denton on May 5th. The college has extended to Miss Alma Sims and the entire membership of the Wise county home demonstration clubs a hearty invitation to attend this meeting.

Program for the day will begin promptly at ten o'clock a. m. and will be concluded by three-thirty p. m. A special program has been planned that should be of interest to all women of North Texas.

Twenty counties are making plans to send representatives to this short course. It is hoped that a large delegation will attend from Wise county. Miss Sims and the club presidents are now making plans to organize an automobile caravan of as many as fifty women. The group will leave Decatur at eight o'clock a. m. Women interested in making the trip notify their club president or the home demonstration agent, Miss Alma Sims. All who can are urged to take their cars.

THIRTY-NINTH WILL BE BUILT EAST INTO CITY

The most enthusiastic good road meeting that has been held in Wise county in many years was the one Wednesday afternoon, held in the district court room, at which large delegations of Bridgeport and Chico citizens joined hands with better highway enthusiasts in Decatur to complete the Thirty-Ninth state thoroughfare from Sandy Creek to this place. There was vinegar in the meeting, and the participants were fired with an enthusiasm that argues well for the communities.

Bridgeport citizens, headed by Dr. P. C. Funk, Frank Turner and L. D. Kirkpatrick, were here in numbers, and from Chico came a delegation, the Leo Morris carrying the banner on to the progressive Barker Morris was a lion's share of the honors, for he was the outstanding spokesman for the visitors. His speech before the gathering was masterful and demonstrated to all that he knew "what it was all about." Thoroughly familiar with the details of the proposition, he made a sound, logical and interesting talk, others who spoke were Dr. J. L. Ward, chairman of the meeting, Dr. P. C. Funk, Frank Turner, L. D. Kirkpatrick, Mayor S. M. Ward, W. A. Hahn, H. E. L. Ladd and M. W. Burch.

A resolution was unanimously adopted urging the commissioners' court at its next meeting to make provision for beginning the construction of the seven mile stretch between Decatur and Sandy Creek, connecting there with the road recently put in shape by the Bridgeport Chico project.

Destructive over flows experienced in the Sandy Creek bottom the past two weeks, making the road impassable, and the miserable condition the bottom in that section a greater part of the year, is destructive to the business life of the community, stated one speaker, and it is positively imperative that the road be built.

State and federal aid will be given the project.

Skygak Contends That Waste Water from Square Can Be Run Up Hill on West Main

"On the Street" column of last issue of the Messenger carried some sage remarks from our old friend, Tom Laird, concerning the disposition of waste water coming off the square and ruining the streets. Tom opens his remarks by stating that he is not an engineer. This was a mistake on Tom's part right at the start; he should never have let on but what he knew whereof he spoke. When the public reads after a man it wants him to speak with authority—if Tom had so spoken no one would have challenged his statements, and he would have avoided all arguments as to whether water ran up or down hill.

Writer of this article is given up to be one of the foremost civil engineers in the state and he gives his unqualified opinion that Tom was right in declaring that the waste water could be run over the hill at an unheard-of saving to the tax payers of the city. It is a well known fact that water will run up hill just as well as down hill. If it were not so, how would the water ever get up in the city's stand pipe near the square?

LOCAL STORE IS RAIDED FRIDAY FOR \$700 LOSS

Rieger Dry Goods Store on Public Square Burglarized

Sometime between twelve o'clock and day-light Saturday, burglars entered the J. J. Rieger dry goods store, on the west side of the square here and robbed the establishment of goods that was valued at about seven hundred dollars. Entrance to the store was made by breaking one of the glass doors in the big front corridor. After entering the building the robbers took their time and helped themselves to the choice and most expensive articles. Silk dresses, about thirty-five in number, boxes of silk hosiery, underwear, men's suits, ladies' coats, hat boxes and suit cases were taken. Thirty-two dress hangers were found the next morning on the lot in the rear of the Messenger office, and later in the day three more hangers were discovered in the alley back of the Rieger store.

Bill Alexander, clerk in the store, discovered the robbery Saturday morning when he appeared to open the store. He immediately called Mr. Rieger and officers to the store, and a check-up on the loss was made. Sheriff George Gage and his force began an investigation, but up to the present all clues have run aground.

It is said that two strangers, acting suspiciously, were seen in the alley of the Rieger store late Friday afternoon.

BENEFIT SHOW SUNDAY FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS

For the relief of the Mississippi river flood sufferers a free benefit show, under the auspices of the Red Cross, will be given at the Majestic theatre Sunday afternoon, the show starting at two o'clock and running until five-thirty. Donations will be solicited for the relief fund, and all those attending the benefit performance will be asked to make a contribution.

Thousands of people in the great Mississippi delta are homeless, and the death toll is mounting high in this most tragic calamity is sweeping over that section of the country.

The public is invited to come out and assist in rescuing a bad condition. President Coolidge, then Chairman Baker of the flood relief committee in Washington, is backing the Red Cross in putting on this benefit show, and thousands of audiences throughout the country will be gathered in person shows next Sunday afternoon.

Help those who have been rendered homeless!

Wick Marshall, water board, spent several days in Decatur latter part of last week. "Left the Mexico company because of too much water and ran into more water here on my way home in Chico," he stated.

Rare Scrap Book Is Presented to Editor

A rare old scrap book, the property of Mrs. Mary Carpenter-Shown during her life time, has been presented to the Messenger editor by her son, J. C. Carpenter of Jacksboro. Mrs. Shown, before her marriage to Dr. Shown of Jacksboro, was Mrs. J. C. Carpenter.

The book contains some choice pieces of writings, and the clippings date back more than half a century. From time to time articles copied from the old scrap book will be printed in the Messenger, which no doubt will prove interest to readers of the paper. This funeral notice is found pasted therein: "Funeral notice. The public are invited to attend the funeral services of Col. A. Bishop at the Methodist church at two o'clock p. m. December 1st, 1882. The cortege will proceed to the city cemetery immediately after the services, where the remains will be interred. Pall Bearers: G. B. Pickett, A. B. Foster, Wils. Cook, Geo. W. Stevens, R. M. Collins, W. W. Brady, R. G. Gates, J. W. Hale, W. A. Miller, John Crutchfield, W. H. Cundiff and A. H. Shoemaker."

CONTRACT TWO TESTS FOR OIL NEAR DECATUR

Work of building a derrick on the Mrs. Hattie Beall farm, east of Decatur, was started Wednesday, and as soon as the structure is completed the drilling machinery that is now on cars at the station will be rushed to the site, and the actual work of sinking the first well in that section will be started.

Wine-Miller Corporation, with headquarters in Tulsa, Oklahoma, one of the largest and most successful operating companies in that state, is the contractor. An experienced crew will be in charge of the drilling, and the well will be put down to a depth of twenty-five hundred feet.

A contract for the drilling of a well in the Brumlow country, north of the city, was made Wednesday with the Priddy Oil Company of Wichita Falls and work will start immediately on the derrick. According to reports of geologists, who have been working in the county for the past several weeks, the two sites selected are among the best "shots" in the country.

At a recent meeting of geologists in Tulsa, a statement was issued that the formation so pronounced in Oklahoma has been traced into Wise county, entering thru the Munster, Cooke county field, and running into the Greenwood and Brumlow sections. Another formation, indicating heavy deposits of oil and gas, according to the same statement, will be found east of Decatur.

BOOTLEGGERS CAUGHT BY DECATUR OFFICERS

Thirty-five gallons of the best product of the Glenrose still, and John Burkhardt and Jess Williams, citizens of the Sunset community, were taken in tow Wednesday night by Motor Cop Paul Kennedy near the Decatur ice factory. The liquor and the men are in the county jail.

For several days, says a report, the officers here have been on the lookout for Messrs. Burkhardt and Williams, under suspicion of being engaged in the bootlegging business, and Wednesday night Officer Kennedy, while riding his motorcycle up East Walnut street, met the strangers as they turned their car off Walnut into the street running north. Deputies Oma Cartwright and Luther Craft were called by Kennedy and the men and booze were escorted to the court house.

Thirty-five gallons of corn whiskey in half-gallon jars was found in the car by the officers.

Fort Worth Pair Made to Pay Fine by Esquire

Motor Cop Paul Kennedy is demonstrating that he is constantly on the job, by bringing into court this week a number of reckless drivers. Wednesday he overtook two noisy, tipsy men from Fort Worth, who, at first, strenuously objected to reporting to Squire H. E. Brady. But they reported, accompanied by the motor cop.

A substantial fine was assessed by the justice.

F. L. U. HEAD IS HEARD BY FINE CROWD IN CITY

W. W. Fitzwater Urged Co-Operation in the Open Markets

Hon. W. W. Fitzwater of Bonham, national organizer for the Farm Labor Union, and one of the best known men in agricultural ranks of the country, spoke to a large number of farmers in the district court room Saturday night. Mr. Fitzwater was introduced by Bud Wallis, prominent in F. L. U. work in Wise county.

The speaker was in fine fettle, and being thoroughly familiar with his subject, he immediately launched into an interesting discussion of the problems confronting the farmers of the country. Cooperation and standing together was stressed by Mr. Fitzwater. He said all other trades and professions had their organizations—"except the farmers, the muscle and sinews of the nation." He urged the farmers to come into the farm labor union, stating that by pooling their products, especially cotton, a better and more substantial price could be received.

The speculator was pictured in his true light by the speaker, and the activities of the man who, in thousands of cases, never saw a cotton boll were given in a compelling, convincing manner. The manner of marketing cotton of members of the union was explained. Mr. Fitzwater stated that much profit would accrue to the planter by selling direct to the spinner or consumer, "passing around" the speculator and middleman, who reap rich rewards on the exchanges.

Mr. Fitzwater told of a visit he made to the cotton exchange in New York while he was there attending a meeting of the national farmers' association, and his experiences, brought laughter from his audience. He visited the Seaboard National Bank "because I had heard all my life that this banking institution was the eyes of the cotton gambling enterprises in that city." He interviewed the vice president of the bank, and stated "I learned more about the cotton condition in Texas than I ever knew before." The Seaboard National Bank's officers had reports daily on weather and marketing conditions in all cotton growing states, and on these conditions was based the amount of financial aid the big bank would extend the banks in the communities. He told his audience not to blame local banking institutions when they tightened up on money; "it's the big bank higher up that controls the situation," he said.

He urged all farmers to join hands in the movement of the F. L. U. to demand a price for cotton that would return the investment and a reasonable profit. "You are entitled to a return of what you have put into your crop—that's what your merchant, your banker and your blacksmith gets or he would go out of business, then he gets a profit for his goods, a reasonable profit is all the farmer asks, and when he gets that he will own his home and live decently."

At the close of the address many in the crowd went up to the speaker's stand and congratulated Mr. Fitzwater and several farmers, not members of the F. L. U., telling him that they would join the organization.

'LEANS' TRIM 'FATS' IN GAME ON WEDNESDAY

By a count of 10 to 5 the "Leans" of Decatur showed their heavy-set follow-up men some of the rudiments of the game of baseball in a mix-up put on by the Decatur Owl Club at the Decatur College park on Wednesday afternoon. A good sized crowd was present to see the engagement.

The "Fats" failed to hit the offerings of the three mound men for the "Leans" and "crowd" and they were somewhat heavy on their hoofs. Batteries for the "Leans" were Collins, Nobles, Tenshaw and Green; while Lillard and Edkins went the entire route for the "Fats." C. J. Newton acted as umpire, and Blankenship, West and Workman referees.

Contrary to the opinion of some, few errors were recorded during the game, the "boys" showing the real old time baseball ability that prevailed with them in other years.

INTEREST MEETING AT POOLVILLE ON FRIDAY

Friday evening, April 15th, County Agent E. C. Jamieson accepted an invitation from Dr. Sparks of Poolville to make a talk to the farmers and residents of that community at a meeting of the Young Folks Better Community Club.

Agent Jamieson was assigned the subject of "How to Help the Boys in the Forks of the Creek" as a title for his talk. He talked to the farmers on the value of diversification, of raising poultry, hogs and farm gardens in connection with their regular farm crops; he also stressed the value of the dairy cow as a reliable method of standing off the financial straits that have followed the production of too much cotton in Texas.

Lee Alfred, Purina demonstrator of Wise county, accompanied Jamieson on the trip, and was enjoying the meeting immensely until he was told by the chairman of the meeting that he would be expected to make a talk also. Mr. Alfred responded with an excellent speech on "The Value of Clubs for the Young People in the Community," and also the value of a community club to the adults. He cited the newly organized Paradise club as one that will give great benefit to both the young and grown people, and stated that he was mighty glad to see that Poolville was also awake to the needs and desires of their young people.

The Poolville stringed band furnished music for the meeting, and all that attended said they had a wonderful evening.

Mr. Alfred and Agent Jamieson were surprised in looking over some of the farms near Poolville, to see that a very large per cent of the land was terraced and that several diversification plans were being carried out with success in the community.

Advertisers of General Motors Pick Messenger

A letter from Bruce Barton, the noted writer, concerning a schedule for General Motors advertising that is being run in the Messenger, gives that gentleman's idea of the value of the country newspaper as an advertising medium. We quote from the letter as follows:

"We are placing these advertisements because I believe that the small town newspapers offer a real advertising opportunity for General Motors, and we hope the success of the campaign will be so impressive that we can continue it year after year."

"My boyhood was spent in a country town. For thirty years I have lived in a country town in the summer. I read every line of its weekly paper, not only in the summer but in my New York home in the winter. I believe in these papers."

The letter is signed by Bruce Barton for the firm of Barton, Dastine & Osborne, advertising counselors, New York City.

BAPTIST CHURCH

A highly entertaining Sunday school picnic was held on the church lawn last Friday night, and about five hundred people were present to enjoy the occasion. The program was unique and unusual and was the product of the fertile brain of Prof. P. M. Curry, who is superintendent of the Sunday school.

In spite of bad weather the church was full Sunday night to hear the Easter cantata. The music is always good at the Baptist church, but competent critics say this was the best musical program the choir has ever given. It has been suggested that the Baptist choir sing at the meeting of the West Texas chamber of commerce to be held in the very near future at Wichita Falls.

Pastor Bell preaches next Sunday at eleven a. m. and seven forty-five p. m. A cordial welcome is extended to all. R. E. Bell, Pastor.

The Hindus think it brings a person ill luck to be openly admired or praised, and a child admired too openly will be hastily withdrawn, the mother often beating it to counteract the ill-omened admiration.

The diamond back terrapin, once so numerous in Chesapeake Bay, are nearly extinct. Although they were plentiful they had little or no value. A single specimen today sells on the market for eight dollars.

A London aviator watched the sun set as he left London on his London-to-Paris flight, and saw it set again the same day while taking a passenger on an altitude tour of seven thousand feet above the earth.

The "lung" of the gas meter that breathes in and out the measures the use of gas is made from sheep-skin that has been especially prepared to make it impervious to the corrosive elements in gas.

Live fish and shell fish similar to those inhabiting the lakes of Palestine have been found by artesian well borers at depths of two and three hundred feet beneath the sands of the Sahara Desert.

In instrument called a dendrograph has been invented by which a tree can write its own diary.

New Citizen in County Making Good on Farm

An interesting farm experience has been turned into the Decatur chamber of commerce by H. V. Hicks, who has recently moved to Wise county from Roger Mills county, Oklahoma. Mr. Hicks reports having paid \$550.00 for fourteen cows and three shoats in the month of March of last year. His total sales from the stock in ten months was: Cream, \$850.00; hogs, \$670.00; calves, \$111.50; and a quantity of chickens and eggs. Cream prices during the period ranged from thirty-four to forty-two cents.

Scarcely any feed, other than ample range and skim-milk, was fed the stock. Mr. Hicks is a firm believer in the value of skim-milk as a feed, and he thinks a man can keep a few good cows, chickens and hogs, give them good attention and get along in first class shape.

WICHITA FALLS PLANS FOR BANDS CONTESTS

Indications are that there will be at least seventy-five bands in Wichita Falls on May 16th and 17th for the ninth annual convention of the West Texas chamber of commerce and the band contest. F. V. Lawler of Wichita Falls is manager of the contest. Decatur Band, under direction of E. Scott Avery will enter the contest this year.

West Texas chamber of commerce and the Wichita Falls chamber of commerce are giving five thousand dollars in cash prizes. There are six divisions, and indications, according to Mr. Lawler, are that there will be many entrants in each class. Hundreds of inquiries, Mr. Lawler says, have been received and this leads him to believe that almost one hundred bands will be there. High school bands thus far are in the lead for entrants.

This band contest has always been a big feature at the convention and this year is attracting more interest due to the fact that it is for all bands in the state. The band contest proper will take place on the second day of the convention in order that all may have part in the great convention parade which will be held on Monday, May 16th.

Still another feature in musical lines will take place on Sunday evening, May 15th, when it is expected more than fifty high school, junior and senior college glee clubs and church choirs will have part in a contest to be given at convention headquarters. Many entrants have already been received by Mayor R. E. Shepherd, chairman of this special committee. Cash prizes are being offered in this contest and at least fifty musical organizations have indicated entrance.

LONE MOUND NEWS

Elmer Vaughan left Monday for Oklahoma.

Mrs. Minnie Bowman made a business trip to Decatur Tuesday.

Mrs. Lula Hodges visited in the home of her brother, Henry McQuinn, in Decatur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powell of Burkburnett, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Perry Peyton.

Miss Nettie Perkins of the Liberty community, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Treva Peyton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cearley of the Plainview community, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Cearley.

Rob Ellis returned to the home of Mr. West Saturday after visiting relatives in Henrietta for several days.

Miss Virginia Walker returned to her sister's, Mrs. S. E. Johnson, first of the week, after visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

DOUGLASVILLE

G. Spawm is visiting in Oklahoma this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rhoten spent the week-end in Boyd.

Mrs. Alice Ford is visiting H. S. Ford and family this week.

Ed Washburn made a business trip to Wichita Falls last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Alexander spent Sunday with John Beason and wife.

The farmers are all glad to see the sunshine, as the crops are need is very badly.

Grandmother Alexander spent last week in Boyd with Mr. and Mrs. Beason.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Payne of Rhame, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arch Brown.

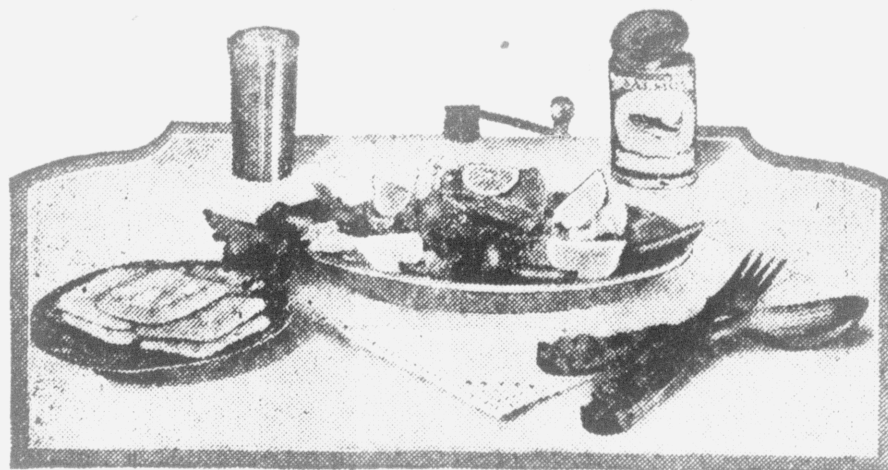
Messrs. Art Washburn, Pete Rhoten, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rhoten spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week in Fort Worth.

Among those shopping last week in Fort Worth were Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Spawm, H. S. Ford and Misses Edith and Maxine Ford.

Messrs. Walt Alexander and Bert White and Misses Bertha White were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kearney and Mrs. S. E. White in Decatur last Friday.

Dogs may now join the army. New regulations authorize them as army units for such work as acting as messengers to carry relief appeals and for pulling sleds across northern snows.

Salmon Prevents Goitre—Serve It Often



Salmon as a preventive of goitre is one of the new discoveries of science, and one which is attracting unusual interest, due to the recent spread of goitre, not only among adults but also among school children.

That salmon eaten plentifully will prevent goitre has been known for some time, since that fish contains iodine, the lack of which is one of the causes of goitre both in men and animals. There is a large goitrous region in the United States.

Prominent physicians have discovered that when the gland has not enlarged but is starved for iodine, the provision of iodine will prevent goitre, but when the gland has already en-

larged, advice of a specialist should be obtained before taking iodine.

A recent investigation of the iodine content of canned salmon has been engaged by the Seattle Laboratory of the National Canners' Association and the study has revealed that this commodity is particularly high in iodine.

Housewives will do well to serve salmon several times each week in some of its various tempting forms. As meat course, a salmon steak taken from the can and heated, served with butter sauce and garnished with parsley is a very appetizing dish. For entrees and salads it is one of the most colorful and delightful dishes on the menu.

An acre farm on the ocean front near the Boardwalk at Atlantic City is valued at more than one million dollars. Truck produce is grown on the acre each year.

A traffic policeman of wood clothed in full uniform and helmet directs traffic twenty-four hours each day on a corner of a highway of Brandenburg Province.

A first edition of John Bunyan's "Book for Boys and Girls," which was bought by a woman at Hemel Hempstead, England, a few years ago for a half crown (about sixty-one cents) sold recently for \$10,200.

Following a nervous shock, a Parisian turned blue all over. Physicians have been unable to restore him to his natural color.

Big Fireworks Display at C. of C. Convention

One of the greatest fireworks displays that has ever been offered in the southwest will be presented on Monday night, May 16th, the first day of the West Texas chamber of commerce in Wichita Falls. This display will be given in connection with the presentation of Miss West Texas, Miss New Mexico and sponsors who will be there for the convention.

This feature will be presented at the baseball park. Registered delegations wearing badges will be admitted as one of the courtesies to be extended visitors at the convention. Other courtesies are also being planned so that every registered delegate will get value received for the badge he wears.

Within the next few days the chamber of commerce of Wichita Falls will be ready to register delegates who desire to do so before leaving their cities.

Horse shoes junked in the United States are being shipped to China, where mechanics utilize the chilled iron for making knives.

Bowie Man Believes in Messenger Advertising

J. W. Whiteman, popular dealer at Bowie for the Buick car, was in the city Wednesday, looking after business for his firm.

Talking with a Messenger reporter, Mr. Whiteman said: "I am getting results from my advertising in the Messenger; you have one of the best mediums I have ever patronized, and I know the paper is popular with the people."

Mr. Whiteman was a guest of T. L. Tucker while in the city.

Origin of Talking Rock, in Pickens county, Georgia, was as follows: A rock was found with the words, "Turn me over" painted on one side, and on the other side was painted, "Now turn me back and let me fool someone else."

Beauty note from Puritan days in New England: "For ye complexion ye young girl may wash the face in snow, the tingling cold bringing forth the blood and imparting a rich glow of health which is the true beauty."

COTTON SCHOOL OPENS

The Bowie Commercial College will open the Annual Cotton Classing School, June 6, 1927. Full information will be sent to you promptly on request.

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Odd-and-End Specials Taken From Over the Store

ART OIL CLOTH

—Art oil cloth in pastel shades; 48 inches wide. Comes in blue, gold, rose, green. Now selling for only—

49c yd.

NOVELTY TUB SILKS

—A variety of novelty tub silks. They make beautiful summer dresses—and at very popular prices—only—

\$1.25, \$1.65, \$1.95

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

—5 dozen Radium slips; colors, white and flesh only. A regular \$3.95 value to be sold Saturday and Monday at the special price of only—

\$2.49

COLLAR AND CUFF SETS

—Crepe, lace, linen collars and cuff sets in a great array of styles—and suitable for any and every kind of dress—

65c to \$2.50

WASHABLE CREPES

—Washable crepes in all favored Spring and Summer shades—40 inch and all silk material. Priced at—

\$1.95

SPECIAL LOT OF VOILES

—This lot of voiles were carried over from last season. Values up to \$1.00 are included—but for Saturday and Monday we will sell at only—

29c. yd.

EVERFAST LINENS

—Now is the time to think of your linen dress—every woman has to have at least one linen dress. We have an assortment of fast color linen in the right colors—and guaranteed fast—at—

\$1.00

JEWELRY ASSORTMENT

Especially nice for graduation gifts. The lot is composed of slave bracelets, ear bobs, lavaliers and novelty vanities. The very newest match sets in this line. And they're priced low—considering values—

75c to \$2.95

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—in dainty figures, as well as the bolder patterns are shown in this line of voiles. You are sure to appreciate the quality at the low price of only—

39c

LOCAL NEWS

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Messenger accepts advertising on the guarantee that it has more bona fide circulation than any other newspaper printed in Wise county; that its actual, bona fide subscription list is greater by three times than any other publication in Decatur. Books and records are open to advertisers.

Copy for advertising should be in the office not later than six o'clock Wednesday evening to insure good position. No advertising accepted after nine o'clock Thursday morning for Friday's issue.

REVISED SCHEDULE OF DENVER PASSENGER TRAINS.

SOUTH				
W. Falls	Dec.	Ft. Worth	Dallas	
11:55 am	2:14 pm	3:25 pm	5:00 pm	
2:00 am	4:32 am	6:00 am	7:45 am	
7:00 am	9:09 am	10:30 am	11:55 am	

NORTH				
Dallas	Ft. Worth	Dec.	W. Falls	
8:30 am	10:10 am	11:28 am	1:55 pm	
6:45 pm	8:20 pm	9:40 pm	11:55 pm	
11:00 pm	12:40 pm	2:06 am	4:40 am	

Allan Hill of Newark, was in Decatur this week.

R. A. Kieger of Sanger, was in this city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Helm were in Nocona Wednesday.

Miss Alma Tackel and Bruton Bails were in Dallas Sunday.

Dr. J. L. Ward and family are on a visit to Dundee and Oklahoma.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Askey, on Saturday, April 23rd, a daughter.

G. G. G. Club will meet Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Lois Bredlove.

Miss Claudie May Workman of Fort Worth, spent the week end in this city visiting relatives.

F. Boyd spent the week end in San Antonio, attending the Pioneer Telephone Convention.

Congressman Guinn Williams is in Young and Archer counties visiting friends and relatives.

Misses Bill Reeves, Linnie Blewett, and Mrs. C. A. Reeves were shopping in Fort Worth Saturday.

Mrs. D. I. Jones and daughter returned Sunday from Stamford, where they have been visiting relatives.

Messenger has been asked to state that J. Frank Norris will speak in Decatur on Friday evening, May 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Baker and son, Philip, and Earl Prigmore and family of Dallas, visited relatives in Decatur last week end.

Joe Jones, who is attending school at Baylor University, Waco, spent the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones in this city.

Misses W. W. Boyd, L. C. Boyd and J. W. Burch left Tuesday for Ohio, where they will attend the district convention of Women's Clubs.

Greatest money saving event in the history of Wise county merchandising, now going on at Lillard's Mississippi Store. Wholesale prices prevailing thru-out the store.

Remainder of the household goods of Mrs. A. E. Rice will be auctioned off on Monday, May 2nd, at two-thirty o'clock p. m. in Decatur. Tom McCracken, Auctioneer.

Attend the flood sufferers' benefit show next Sunday afternoon at the Majestic theater. Help those who are now homeless and helpless in the over flow districts. The call is urgent.

A cemetery working will be held at Sycamore on the first Saturday in May. All those interested are urged to attend, taking their tools and well filled baskets, prepared to work all day in beautifying the cemetery.

"And the greatest of these is charity"—attend the Majestic theater show Sunday afternoon—benefit flood sufferers in the Mississippi valley district. Thousands are homeless, made so by the ravages of the great river. You are asked to contribute to their assistance. The Red Cross is calling!

Mrs. J. B. Hamilton is visiting her son in Dundee.

Miss Laura Ash was a Fort Worth visitor Thursday.

F. V. McMordie was a Nocona visitor last Thursday.

Quint Woody of the Rhome section, was in town Tuesday.

W. U. Blocker of Chico, was in the city Monday on business.

H. B. Wilkerson of Fort Worth, was a Decatur visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Meador were in Alvord on business Monday.

Miss Juanita Wilbite of Fort Worth, spent the week-end with friends in this city.

Misses Ruth Stokes and Mildred Kerr were shopping in Fort Worth Saturday.

Parshall Ray of Fort Worth, spent the week-end with friends and relatives here.

Tom Terrell of Fort Worth, spent Sunday in this city with his parents and friends.

Jim Smith of Baylor University at Waco, spent the week-end with his parents here.

Embry Hoyl of Dallas, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hoyl, in Decatur Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Man and Miss Johnnie Blankenship were in Fort Worth Thursday.

John Greathouse returned last week from Marion Military Academy, where has been in school.

Miss Margarette Measkey returned Friday from Amarillo, where she has been visiting relatives.

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Miss Maggie Carpenter spent the week-end in Rhome, visiting her parents.

J. W. Mailey has returned from a stay in Oklahoma, where he visited relatives.

Misses H. F. Boyd and W. V. Patton attended an Eastern Star meeting in Denton Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Smith were here last week-end from Farmersville, visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Kelpin of Wellington, visited Mrs. C. O. Urquhart this week. Mrs. Kelpin was before her marriage Miss Bertha Aldredge.

If money is scarce with you, the opportunity to save is offered by the Closing Out Sale now on at Lillard's Mississippi Store. Take advantage of this money saving event.

The G. G. G. Club met Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Eva Ruth Brady. The following members were present: Misses Joy Bell, Venita Nell Clark, Margaret Shoemaker, Jenn Faye Tland, Maurine McCracken, Daisy Manire and Grace Bell.

Miss Margaret Tumulty was hostess to the L. A. L. Club Wednesday evening, when they held their regular session at her home in Northeast Decatur. Dainty refreshments were served to the following members: Misses S. L. Hardwick, C. A. Reeves, Roy Workman, W. T. Hill and Ray Nobles, and Misses Bill Reeves and Linnie Blewett; and three visitors, Misses Archie Morris, W. E. Terrell and A. Muldoon.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise County—Greeting:

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Bill Sensibaugh of Bridgeport, was in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. L. B. Aultman of Mexia, is visiting relatives at Oak Lawn.

Fayette Renshaw, prominent business man of Rhome, was here middle of the week on business.

The price is reasonable. You won't miss the small door fee. Buy a flock of tickets and take the family to the band concert and musical entertainment at the high school tonight. The receipts are to be used to send the band to a big convention at Wichita Falls to help Decatur and Decatur College.

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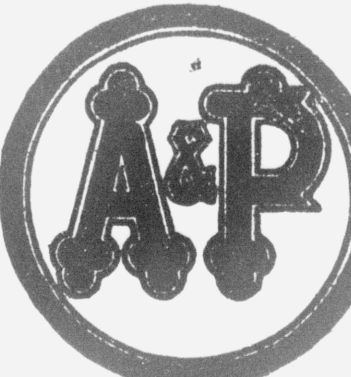
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Seeded Raisins

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MARKET DAY

2 15 oz. pkg.

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25c

43c

Scottissue TOILET PAPER

roll

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Household BROOMS

No. 6 each

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A & P Brand JELLY DESSERT

pkg.

8c

White House RICE

12 oz

9c

White House RICE

2's

23c

White House MILK

Baby 5c

Evaporated Tall 10c

Kellogg's ALL BRAN

Small

12c

Kellogg's ALL BRAN

Large

19c

Calumet Baking Powder

lb. cans

23c

Waldorf TOILET PAPER

2 rolls

13c

Red Pitted CHERRIES

No. 2 can

27c

Dr. Prices EXTRACTS

1-2 oz.

16c

Dr. Prices EXTRACTS

1 1/2 oz.

29c

LIPTON'S TEA

Small

9c

LIPTON'S TEA

1-4 lb

23c

Ralston's BREAKFAST FOOD

pkg.

22c

ENCORE OLIVE OIL

3 bottles

15c

Coleman's MUSTARD

1 1-4 oz tin

10c

Broken Sliced PINEAPPLE

lge. can

23c

BOTTLE CAPS

lb

19c

LUX Soap Flakes

pkg. lge.

25c

POSTS BRAN FLAKES

10 oz

12c

Hershey's COCOA

1's lb

8c

Hershey's COCOA

1/2 lb

15c

CREAM OF WHEAT

pkg

24c

Macaroni, Spaghetti or Noodles

3 pkgs.

25c

WASHBOARDS

each

39c

BABBITT'S LYE

3 cans

25c

DROMEDARY DATES

10 oz pkg.

21c

POST TOASTIES

Sm. lge.

8c 12c

Dromedary COCOANUT

4 oz. 8 oz.

14c 27c

KC Powder Baking

25 oz

22c

Minute TAPIOCA

pkg

12c

WESSON OIL

Pts. Qts.

27c .52c

Del Monte TOMATO SAUCE

3 oz can

7c

HEINZ CHILI SAUCE

med

31c

MELLO WHEAT

pkg.

19c

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SOUTHWESTERN 50

TELEPHONES

INDEPENDENT 45

Friday Morning, April 29, 1927.

What's the matter with Jim, head
of Missouri?If it were not for the daily grind
there would be no daily bread.Before we recommend new tax laws
let's get in behind the delinquent tax
payer.Love's letters are lost when he
appears in the box against the frisky
feines. This true.Jimmy Cox is not in a position to
qualify as a good man to select the
old party's flag bearer.Let the other fellow pool his land
for drilling contracts, seems to be the
idea of some of our land owners.The new town of Bledso, in West
Texas, is wanting a vigorous physi-
cian. Would not juicy apples suffice?Down in Kaufman thieves stole the
bell from the Baptist church belfry.
Kaufman thieves are "ringers," to say
the least.Dallas will remember the boys who
remembered the Maine Sunday and
Monday, when the convention is staged
in that city.The woods are full of politicians
who would make the sacrifice, but
what the sweet old party wants at
this particular time is a movement on
the part of the patriots.The surest way to avoid the evil of
a glutted market is to produce a first
class article. The market is never
over-supplied with high class products,
but with inferior grades.Rev. J. Frank Norris intimates that
hell and high water would break loose
thru-out the country should the demo-
cratic party nominate Gov. Smith of
New York as its standard bearer.Mrs. Nellie Ross says she would like
to see the democratic party nominate
Al Smith for the presidency. And, we
suspect there are a number of s and
republicans who would like to see the
same, Nell.It is estimated that there is some-
thing like three million dollars in de-
linquent taxes due the state of Texas.
Collect this princely sum before you
get hysterical in efforts to create tax
revenue producing measures.Pity the poor little wife who has
fallen victim to the "jining habit," and
as a result of the moods made by
the disease she is on the pad con-
stantly and is missing meals and pass-
ing sleepless nights, fearing she will
not get in "saweddy."The veteran politician and wheel
boss campaigner of the good old days,
Cone Johnson, present spokesman for
the Texas highway commission, says
it will be a year or more before state
and federal aid can be given to the
Thirty Ninth thru Wonderful Wise.A negro in California was given a
life term in state prison for stealing
a pork sandwich. A few days before
a movie actor was given a reprimand
for running down a little girl on the
street. Surely, another blindfold has
been slipped over the eyes of justice
where the golden west begins and ends.Get down for a healthy contribution
to the Red Cross fund to relieve the
distress among the victims in the
Mississippi valley. Souls and groans
over the sad plight are all well and
good—but right now those people are
in need of silver and grub. Prayers
will help, but they are crying for pro-
visions.The bank bandits up Oklahoma way
do their stuff in style. In the town
of Cushing, five bad boys from the
breaks entered a bank and relieved
the institution of ten thousand dollars
in gold and greenbacks. Thirty cus-
tomers were in the bank at the time,
and all were neatly and systematically
trimmed; that is, all were unburdened
of their holdings. After sacking the
money, the bad ones marched the em-
ployees—from president to the pretty
stenographer—and the customers into
the vault and locked 'em up. Sharing
their lunches with the captives, the
bandits told them good-bye and left
for parts up to and including the
present time unknown.

More Taxes.

Soon the smoke of special legisla-
ture fires will be hovering over the
Texas capitol. There will be talk of
legislation—and talk of taxation.Schools must be supported, comes
the cry of those behind the educa-
tional institutions. But there are
many members of both houses who,
strong in their support of the schools,
will bitterly oppose class legislation or
any bill that would tax the few and
become tax legislation. Also, they will
wage war against a so-called nuisance
tax. And when nuisance tax is men-
tioned around the capitol, the tobacco
tax comes in view. This measure
was killed at the last regular session
but may come up again at the special
session.Those who oppose the tobacco tax
have placed it both in the nuisance
tax and in the discriminatory tax. It's
a nuisance because they would have
to keep paying your taxes the year
around—every time you bought a
package of cigarettes or even a nickel
cigar—much less a chew of tobacco.
And it is discriminatory, they point
out, because it effects only a part of
the people of Texas, tobacco users.There other other nuisances attached
to a tobacco tax, say its opponents.
For instance, tax collectors would
have to get busy. And the tobacco
stamp must be bought—and pennies
must again be worked over time by
the consumer. A tobacco tax law
would have its complications. But,
every person—be it a soda water
stand, hotel or drug store, that sold
tobacco products would have to have
an employee with sufficient knowledge
of the nuisance law or else—there
would be a violation of the law. And
with law violations must go investiga-
tions, enforcement officers and pro-
secutions where violations have been
willful.And here is another argument set
up by those who oppose a tobacco
tax law:"People of Texas who want to will
smoke. They will not pay the tax; at
least, many of them, as long as they
can buy their tobacco products with-
out having the tax inflicted. It would
be no violation of the law for mail
order houses, just across the state
line, to sell products to Texas con-
sumers so long as the products came
by parcel post, which would make
them free from state tax.Therefore, Texas dealers who sell
tobacco products would lose the trade
to those who wanted to evade the tax.
And they would face the nuisance of
keeping books without extra pay, for
those who paid the tax."The mail order houses would flood
the state with literature asking for
tobacco products. The man who want-
ed a five dollar box of cigars would
save fifty cents by merely mailing
back a self addressed stamped envel-
ope and he would pay the c. o. d.
charges when the cigars came without
the additional tax. The man who
smokes two cigars a day would save
approximately nine dollars a year if
he patronized the mail order houses.
And all the hundred and ninety-one
dollars would go out of Texas, provid-
ing the cigars cost as much as twelve
and one-half cents each."Yes, the opponents of the tobacco
tax hope that it, too, will go up in the
smoke that hovers over the Lone Star
capitol during the special legislature
times that come soon.

Mother Mine.

If I were a master artist,
Blending my colors well,
With a task to paint a picture
In beauty to excel,
I should not choose a land-scape,
A vale or river blue,
I'd chose to paint a picture
Of a mother who's true.If I were a great musician
With honors yet to gain,
And my task a song to render
In softer, sweeter vein
Than any song I yet had sung
"T'would be no classic air;
But just a simple song of home
And mother's patient care.There are those who seek for fortune
And often not in vain;
But could I have my dearest wish
I'd be a child again,
And crossing o'er the bridge of years
That one by one have fled,
I'd feel the touch of mother's hand
Once more upon my head.

Memores of Mother.

When the day is fading round me
To a gray and silvery hue,
And the shadows seem to lengthen,
Then is when I think of you.As the darkness creeps around me,
And the stars appear above,
I think of you, dear mother,
And long for you and love.Thoughts, memories, come a-winging
From the archives of my heart,
And I cry aloud in sorrow:
"Why did we have to part?"Then, as the night grows older,
I grow calmer, and I pray
That some day I'll meet you, mother,
And our love will have its way.

—Lucille Foxall, Decatur.

The big boss, on a trip thru his
store, came across a new stock clerk.
"I suppose you have seen the head
of stock, and he has told you what
to do?" he asked.

"Yes, sir."

"And what was it?"

The boy hesitated, then said, "Well,
he—er—told me to wake him up when
I saw you coming."A "slow pay" customer sent the fol-
lowing note to his grocer: "Please
send six dozen eggs; if good will send
check."The grocer, however, was not doing
any business on such risky terms, so
he wrote back: "Send check; if good,
will send six dozen eggs.""Did ye ever speak before a large
audience, Pat?"
"Fairly large, I did."
"An' what did ye say?"
"Not guilty!"Pastor—"Do you ever play with bad
little boys, Johnny?"
Johnny—"Yes, sir."
Pastor—"I'm so surprised, Johnny!
Why don't you play with good little
boys?"Johnny—"Their mother's won't let
'em play with me."Mrs. Green—"Mary, how can you
tell an old chicken from a young one?"

Mary—"By the teeth, ma'am."

Mrs. Green—"How silly! A chicken
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Mary—"No; but I have."

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BOYD NEWS

Marco Terry of Rhome, was in Boyd Sunday.

Ross Patterson spent the week-end in Denton.

Miss Mozelle Wilson spent the week-end at Brazos.

Miss Faye Splawn spent the week in Fort Worth.

Morris Maley and John Talley were in Fort Worth Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Lawrence Goodger and Miss Novella Fulps were in Decatur last Monday.

Misses Novella and Ruby Fulps were guests of Miss Mozelle Wilson first of the week.

Grady Grandstaff has returned to his home here after a long visit in Oklahoma.

Lewis Fulps and Arvel Walker were present at the Easter egg hunt Sunday at Garvin.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John McKennan, on Friday, April 22nd, 1927, a daughter.

Tom Fulps entertained the young folks of the community with a party Saturday night.

Boyd baseball team defeated the Rhome nine in a game Wednesday to the tune of 8 to 5.

Misses Ruth Arrington and Sarah Wren took their pupils on an Easter egg hunt last Friday.

Carl Spencer was honored with a party Wednesday night, given by his friend, Elmer Splawn.

SWEETWATER NEWS

The health of the community is good at this writing.

Weather has cleared up, but it has reminded us that winter is not over.

Mrs. Clifford Boydston visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boone Gentry, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Marion Gibben has been elected by the school board to teach in the Sweetwater school next term.

Material is being hauled this week to the site of the test well on the Bell property, just southeast of the Lanham Gentry farm.

Mrs. Marion Gibben and Miss Alma Shoemaker closed a successful term of school at Sweetwater Friday, April 15th. A picnic and ball game featured the closing exercises. The play was given last Friday night to a good sized crowd.

BRUMLOW NEWS

Earl McNutt of Oklahoma, is visiting relatives here.

Albert Smith was in Eastland on business last week.

Mrs. Austin is visiting relatives and friends in the Sycamore community.

Frost of Thursday night damaged the gardens and other crops here considerably.

Mr. and Mrs. John Atkerson entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Wade of Oak Grove, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Parrish.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rhine and Mrs. W. M. Rhine were in Fort Worth shopping on Wednesday.

Miss Volney Jones, who has been visiting here for the past two weeks, has returned to her home at Drop.

Misses Jewell, Clois and Corinne Roberts spent Saturday with Misses Alma Lee, Rachel, Johnnie Parrish.

Vernon Atkerson, student in Decatur high school, spent the week-end with his parents in this community.

Frank Clement and son and Tom Clement of Burk Burnett, visited relatives and friends here last week-end.

Those visiting the school last Friday were Irvin, Leon and Harley Atkerson, Maurine Martin and Ellen Williamson.

Miss Alma Sims met with the club girls Thursday, April 21st, when the work for the year to be carried out by the girls was discussed.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Atkerson Tuesday were Mrs. W. R. Mote and children, Mrs. Varina Fugate and son, Mrs. O. P. Stockton and daughter and Miss Volney Jones.

KEETER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bradford called on Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vandiver Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rhoden of Boyd, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jude Wilson last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson spent Saturday night and Sunday with their son, Tom Wilson, and family at Boyd.

Most all of our farmers are engaging in the poultry business. Poultry raising promises to become one of the money crops in this section.

Good number from this community attended the program rendered by the Pleasant Grove school Friday night. School closed at Pleasant Grove on Friday afternoon.

Farmers are wishing for some shiny weather. There is a lot of work to be done in the fields, including replanting of most all crops, as the heavy rains and hails have destroyed almost everything planted.

Adulteration of wine was punishable by death in Germany in 1752.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

BOTH PHONES ALMA WILKERSON, REPORTER BOTH PHONES

CIRCLE MEETINGS HELD BY BAPTIST W. M. S.

Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met on Monday afternoon at three o'clock in the separate circles:

Mrs. J. B. Green was hostess to circle one when they held the regular semi-monthly meeting at her home in South Decatur. Among those present were Misses Boyd, T. F. Glossup, J. H. Gentry, E. Walker, J. D. Shingpaugh, Holley Renshaw, J. H. Rowan, E. B. Clark and the hostess.

Circle two met at the church. Mrs. Gus Elrod led an interesting devotional on the twenty-third Psalm, and an inspiring Bible lesson followed. Those present were Misses, J. G. Goss, R. L. Bond, J. E. Boyd, D. I. Jones, T. S. Williams, Rufus Green, C. L. Christian, Jim Stephens, Gus Elrod, and one new member, Mrs. E. W. Thrasher.

Circle three met at the home of Mrs. A. D. Reeves. After a short business session the teacher led an interesting Bible lesson. Later, the hostess served tasty refreshments to Misses, Singleton, Johnnie McFarlin, Bell Jones, J. V. Patterson, R. L. Blankenship, J. H. Heathington, R. L. Hunt and W. W. Boyd; Miss Bill Reeves and Rev. R. E. Bell.

Circle four met at the home of Mrs. J. C. Thompson on South Lang street. Following an interesting business session, Mrs. Will Bowman conducted a splendid Bible lesson. Lovely refreshments were served to Misses, A. J. Shelton, Will Bowman, J. W. Bailey, H. H. Shelton, S. J. Madden, George Foster, John Lambert, T. H. Dunn, W. T. McCracken, L. R. Gill, Hubert Dillehay and little son, Ted Z.

Circle five met in the home of Mrs. Joe Gogers. Mrs. C. K. Wilkerson led an inspiring devotional on the twelfth chapter of Romans, and Mrs. S. M. Ward taught the Bible lesson. The subject was "Jairus' Daughter and a Nameless Woman Healed." Mrs. Floyd Clifton gave an interesting lecture on the mission book, "Our Supreme Challenge to Foreign Missions." Hostess served dainty refreshments to Misses Bob Gates, R. S. Miller, J. N. Hinkle, Charles Stokes, Floyd Clifton, C. K. Wilkerson, T. J. Dillehay, Corren New, E. P. Gibson and S. M. Ward.

Circle six met at the home of Mrs. Bruce Balford. Mrs. P. A. Davis taught the Bible lesson on "Jezebel." Those present were Misses, J. A. Christian, Lester Bell, M. H. Montgomery, W. O. Bailey, A. S. Martin and C. L. Cummings.

MRS. SHULTS HOSTESS TO CHRISTIAN LADIES' AID.

Ladies' Aid Society of the First Christian church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. C. Shults. An interesting review of 14 Samuel was conducted by various members of the society.

Among those present were Misses A. L. Allard, R. F. Grubbs, H. T. Breedlove and R. R. Lindley.

MISS LACEY ENTERTAINED FRIENDS AT HER HOME.

Miss Frances Lacey entertained a number of friends at her home last Saturday night. After making ice cream, the group was entertained by Mildred Dillehay, who gave musical numbers, readings, and danced the Charleston.

Those present were: Misses Orleana Davenport, Anna Elbert Cook, Emma Dean Belew, Mildred Dillehay, Fannie Pearl Askey, Lois Davis and Minnie Pearl Arnett; Messrs. Turney Hall Douglas Faith, Francis Milligan, T. J. Elder Jr. and Calvin Workman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

T. O. G. Club will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Miss Maurine McCracken on South Lang street.

Ladies' Aid Society of the First Christian church will meet Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Milton Wallace.

O. F. F. Club will meet this Friday evening at the home of Miss Anna Eloyse Cook, with Misses Cook and Orleana Davenport as hostesses.

Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Methodist church will meet Monday night at the home of Mrs. L. W. Tyler, with Misses Margaret Boyd and Hanna Marie Renshaw as hostesses.

Circles of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. church, south, will meet Monday, May 2nd, at three p. m.: Circle one with Mrs. W. C. Loveless, circle two with Mrs. Buck Collins, and circle three with Mrs. T. H. Wright.

L. A. L. CLUB ENJOYED PICNIC WEDNESDAY.

One of the most enjoyable social events of the week was a picnic held Wednesday evening at Joe Wheeler Park for the members of the L. A. L. Club and their husbands.

Among those who attended this jolly affair were: Messrs and Misses, W. T. Hill and little son, S. L. Hardwick and son, C. A. Reeves, Roy Robertson and little daughter; Misses Margaret Tammity, Bill Reeves, Linnie Blewett.

T. O. G. CLUB MET THURSDAY WITH MISS GENTRY.

Misses Faye Reeves and Thannie Gaines Gentry were joint hostesses to the T. O. G. Club Thursday when they held their regular meeting at the home of the latter. Five new members were elected to membership in the club.

During the social hour lovely refreshments were served to Misses Ava White, Bess McMorris, Louise Greer, Gladys Thomason, Virginia Patterson, Maxine Christian, Maurine McCracken, Carrie Alice Mays, Joyce Lacey Verna Toland, Hortense Potts and Vera McCurdy.

MRS. S. A. LILLARD HOSTESS TO WORTH WHILE CLUB.

Mrs. S. A. Lillard was hostess to the Worth While Club on Thursday April 21st.

After distributing the books, interesting current events were given by each member present. The story of San Jacinto was given by Mrs. S. A. Lillard. Music was furnished by Mrs. S. T. Lillard.

Delicious cake and hot chocolate were served to the following members. Misses, Fred Thomason, Jack Walker, S. T. Lillard, J. H. Rowan, Johnnie McFarlin, D. H. Payne, A. J. Mann, T. J. Elder, H. B. Pearson, Minnie McCarter, Joe Rogers, T. H. Wright, Lute Renshaw, J. J. Ingram and Will Renshaw.

M. E. CHURCH BIBLE CLASS MET MONDAY P. M.

Misses, Bess Thomason and J. N. Crabtree were hostesses to the Bible class of Woman's Missionary Society, M. E. church, south, on Monday, April 25th. The lesson was Galatians first and second chapters.

After an interesting lesson, dainty refreshments were served to about thirty women.

MISSES BOYD AND CLARK HOSTESSES TO O. F. F. CLUB.

An interesting meeting of O. F. F. Club was held Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Margaret Boyd, with Misses Boyd and Elmer Vernice Clark as hostesses.

During the business session it was voted to leave some remembrance at the high school at the close of this school term by which the club may be remembered in future years.

Later the hostesses served dainty refreshments to Misses Dorothy Patterson, Lula Clay Mearsey, Fannie Pearl Askey, Mildred Dillehay, Anna Eloyse Cook, Orleana Davenport, Flora Reeves, Naomi Wright, Annette McMorris, Elmer Vernice Clark, Hanna Marie Renshaw, Cathrya Ruth Helm, Estelle Belew, Imogene Moore, Isabelle Hunt, Minnie Pearl Arnett and Emma Dean Belew.

"Talking about inventions," said the grocer, "I have a little machine in my place that would make me a millionaire if I could only keep it going all the time."

"You don't say so? What's that?"

"A cash register."

A grocer had been visiting a certain widow every evening.

"Why don't you marry her?" asked a friend.

"I've often thought about it," was the reply, "but where would I spend my evenings then?"

Mrs. Smith—"My husband just loves canned food."

Mrs. Brown—"Well, I'm not much of a cook, either."

"He always was a bad egg, but nobody seemed to notice it while he was rich."

"Yes—he was all right until he was broke!"

Silk worms have an active enemy in mice.

Paper money was made in China five hundred years ago.

Citizens in Gloucester Township, Quebec, who do not pay their taxes are not permitted to vote.

What was believed to be the oldest horse in the world died in Rushville, Illinois, recently at the age of forty.

When Robert Lockhart of Dunfermline, Scotland, tried to play golf in Central Park, New York, in 1888, he was arrested.

The almost unknown phenomenon of snow for Christmas was experienced by the people of Lisbon, Portugal, last Christmas.

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BENEFIT CONCERT FOR BAND AT H. S. TONIGHT

Decatur Band will contribute the following numbers to the musical entertainment to be given tonight in the high school auditorium as its part of a miscellaneous program to be rendered for the purpose of acquiring funds to help defray the expense of sending the band to Wichita Falls next month to attend the West Texas chamber of commerce convention, for the express purpose of advertising Decatur and Decatur College.

Incidental to the band concert there will be contributed a number of other vocal selections by some of the most pleasing of the good musical talent of the town, among them being quartet numbers by the Nobles Brothers and William Jones quartet, special numbers by Faust Nobles, Misses Estelle Belew and Ruth Hoyt, instrumental and song selections by two popular artists of the college, Duff and Wilson.

The band program:
"Square Shooter March"—Fradanese
"Western World Overture"—Chenette
"Mary Lou"—Popular
"Sunshine of Your Smile"—Trombone Solo—Ellen Ray
Perry Sanclier

"Rose Colored Glasses"—Popular
"Old Timer's Waltz"—Medley of Numbers popular twenty-five to thirty years ago, inclusive of "The Side Walks of New York," "Bower," "Sweet Rosie O'Grady," "Daisy Bell," "Comrades," "Little Annie Rooney," "She May Have Seen Better Days," "The Band Played On," "After the Ball."

"Sim Trombone"—Henry Fillmore
"Tankee Notions"—Chas. Sangster

Error in Lake Decatur Article for Last Week

In last week's issue of the Messenger statement was made that Will Stokes, last year, in presenting a numerous signed petition to have been appointed keeper of Decatur Lake to the city council, stated that he would accept the place at a salary of twenty-five dollars per month and the right to sell minnows to fishermen. This was an error. Mr. Stokes did not name any salary, and the petition did not stipulate the amount wanted by him.

Messenger understands the salary for the keeper at the lake had been set before the selection of a keeper was made.

Knowledge is the parent of love, wisdom, love itself. J. C. A. W. Hare

Chico Citizens Manifest Much Interest in Road

Banker V. E. Baldrige of Chico, here Wednesday with the delegation from his town to see about that seven mile stretch of bad road between Decatur and Sandy Creek, is an enthusiastic booster for the proposition.

"We Chico citizens are behind the movement. We are here with the Bridgeport citizens to assist Decatur people in securing this badly needed road. These of us who travel over that miserable stretch know what we want," he stated to a representative of the Messenger.

Mr. Baldrige is one of the progressive and wide-awake business men of the Chico country.

"China Sees Red" Title of Story for Magazine

A thin line of barbed wire entanglements, with here and there a machine gun, today marks the boundary between ancient and modern; between yellow and white. That line is drawn around the boundaries of the two foreign quarters of Shanghai, French concession and the international settlement in the capital city.

Here, near the mouth of China's greatest river, the Yangtze, a little promontory of the west juts into the great yellow sea which is China. And standing on it are a handful of Europeans and Americans, claiming the right to live and trade. They are supported by a fleet of warships at anchor and buttressed by detachments of British, Indian, French, Japanese, American and American troops.

Will the line hold, or will the hated foreigner be swept from Chinese soil by that great wave of nationalism which, rolling northward from Canton, has engulfed all Southern China and seems to threaten the north?

"China Sees Red" is an article ably written by Lewis Rex Miller, assistant professor of history at Harvard University. The article will appear in the monthly magazine section of the Wise County Messenger on May 6th.

Kissing costs the Japanese government \$125,000 a year, even though it is officially barred as immoral and unsanitary. The sum is expended in cutting kissing scenes from moving pictures.

In former years it was believed that mistletoe had some mysterious medicinal virtues when picked from an oak tree.

In Tibet it is the custom of the natives, when meeting friends to stick out their tongues as a mark of respect.

Cold Snacks for Growing School Children



"Remember, mother, we have just one hour for lunch!"

This very important announcement is made when the little boy or girl, who for six years has eaten home luncheons, with all of the wholesome things the baby specialist has prescribed, has suddenly become a person of affairs, who goes to school morning and afternoon with just one hour for his noon-day meal.

A warm lunch at home is always best, but sometimes the school is a long way from home and little feet make haste slowly with a world of new and alluring things along the way. Then the brand new lunch box comes an item on the day's menu.

Suppose Sonny likes chicken sandwiches. They may be made from the boneless chicken which can be kept on hand in cans. Add a crisp lettuce leaf

and tuck it away in waxed paper. Part of the "quart of milk per day" so vital for the growing child may be consumed for luncheon, varied now and then by adding the chocolate milk from cans. A convenient way to pack it is in a small cream bottle. And don't forget to put in straws!

Fresh fruit, of course, may go in—a banana, an apple or whatever Sonny likes best. Cookies are almost a joy and ginger-snap cookies, most healthful of all, now come in cans which will keep fresh on the pantry shelf.

As for goodies—which should be in the nature of a surprise—try dates stuffed with pineapple. Use a medium can of Hawaiian tid-bits or cut the sliced pineapple into small wedged pieces. Stone dates and put a piece of pineapple in each. Roll in sugar and pack in wax paper bags.

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BURLESQUE ON CITY'S ACTIVITIES THURSDAY

Do you know what kind of a person you are? What are your most noticeable characteristics and eccentricities, and how do you appear to other people? How would you like to have a seat in some nice, quiet corner somewhere and watch yourself go by for awhile and "see yourself as others see you?" The great poet, Burns, begged for that privilege, but it was never accorded him. The people of Decatur are more fortunate, for on Thursday night at the high school auditorium a chance will be given all who are interested to see themselves on parade and gather a little first-hand information about themselves.

This opportunity is being offered thru the efforts of the faculty and the annual staff of Decatur high school, and is to consist of a travesty or burlesque on prominent people and organizations in Decatur. There will be several divisions of the program in which will be included burlesques or "take-offs" on the Owl Club, chamber of commerce, Lions Club, Woman's Missionary Society, Musicians' Club, O. F. F. Club, Decatur Band and the

Former Decatur Girl Is Accomplished Musician

Clippings from a Denver, Colorado, newspaper coming to Decatur carry stories of the strides being made by a former Decatur girl, Miss Margaret McMillan, in musical circles in that state. Miss McMillan was one of the state winners in piano contests recently, and was chosen a member of a team to represent the state in national piano contests at Chicago.

Friends of the young lady in Decatur are pleased to know of the success she is making in the piano realm.

Attend the band concert tonight!

high school faculty. A special feature will be "Men About Town," featuring a typical street scene in Decatur and impersonations of such prominent and influential characters as Eagle Gunn, Dr. S. J. Petty, Gus Pickett, Mr. J. V. Prunty, Miss Bell Ford and Sam Hill.

Special plans are being made for the Woman's Missionary Society, and the ladies will be shown serving the Lions Club in their weekly luncheon. The men will take the part of the women and present a travesty on the regular meetings of the Owl Club and Musicians' Club. Special pains are being taken with costumes.

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inches wide; to go at—
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1 lot of children's slippers just
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One lot ladies' house dresses, prints,
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values; sizes 36 to 48—for—
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2 1/2 lb. unbleached cotton batts; regu-
lar price 65c; to go these two days
for only—
\$1.00

\$ DOLLAR DAYS—\$
36-inch bleached or brown domestic;
soft finish; free from starch; these
two days going at—
11 yards for—\$1.00

\$ DOLLAR DAYS—\$
Plain colored dress voiles, pink, rose,
henry dew, green and white. Special
at—
4 yards for—\$1.00

\$ DOLLAR DAYS—\$
9-1 bleached or brown sheeting to go
during these two days at—
2 1/2 yards for—\$1.00
(Limit 10 yards)

\$ DOLLAR DAYS—\$
One counter of ladies' and children's
slippers; odds and ends; all sizes; to
close out—
for only—\$1.00 pair

\$ DOLLAR DAYS—\$
Children's panty dresses; in assorted
light and dark colors. If you see them
you will buy two or more at—
\$1.00

\$ DOLLAR DAYS—\$
36-inch curtain material; white, ecru,
and plain; also checks; going for two
days at—
10 yards for \$1.00

Don't miss this great event tomorrow and Monday. A dollar saved is dollar made. Why pay more elsewhere. COME!

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—DECATUR, TEXAS

MRS. WAGGONER GAVE NEW FUND TO T. W. C.

Mrs. Dan Waggoner, former citizen of Decatur, but for a number of years a resident of Fort Worth, has given the building fund of Texas Woman's College in Fort Worth a check for fifteen thousand dollars, the money to be used in improving the Ann Waggoner hall on the college campus, a structure built several years ago by Mrs. Waggoner and donated to the school. It is said that with the latest contribution the total given to the T. W. C. institution by Mrs. Waggoner amounts to ninety-seven thousand.

She is the widow of the late Dan Waggoner, who laid the foundation for his vast fortune in Decatur, more than fifty years ago. At the time of Mr. Waggoner's death, which occurred in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at the Antlers Hotel, he was worth five million dollars. A division of the property gave Mrs. Waggoner three million dollars in money and land, and two million dollars went to the son, Tom Waggoner. Since the pioneer cattleman's death, what he left to his wife and son has been increased tremendously, and today Mrs. Waggoner is reputed to be one of the wealthiest individuals in the state, while the Tom Waggoner fortune is estimated to be more than three hundred million.

Forty years ago Tom Waggoner was a cow-hand on his father's ranch, drawing down the princely salary of twenty-five dollars per month. He clerked in a frontier general store in Decatur before becoming identified with his father's cattle interests.

Owl Club Thanks Local Business Men for Help

The Owl Club is very grateful to the business men of Decatur for their assistance and willingness in making it possible to have such a wonderful ball game Wednesday, thus showing to the world again their athletic ability.

We sincerely appreciate their cooperation, and will say we are for Decatur and its business establishments always. We also want to express our appreciation to the college for the use of the ball park and the athletic equipment.—Reporter.

Court of Nations Will Feature C. of C. Meet

Sponsors to the West Texas chamber of commerce convention in Wichita Falls, May 16th and 17th, will be presented at what has been termed the "Court of Nations." This feature will take place Monday evening, the first day of the convention, at the baseball park, where the seating capacity will be ten thousand. Many of the sponsors, coming from cities and towns representing a foreign country, will be garbed in costumes common or familiar to the countries represented by her city. The most gorgeous fireworks display ever presented to a Texas assemblage will be part of the event.

More than one hundred sponsors are expected. Those not representing a foreign country will be presented during the first part of the program. A concluding feature will be the presentation of Miss America. This feature is being directed by Mrs. B. G. Oneal, chairman of the ladies' committee, and by J. S. Pittman, prominent pianist of that city, who gained quite a reputation as an artist while traveling with the Shrine Chanters of Maskat temple. The program promises to excel any ever given in this section.

Good Fishing Story in May Magazine Section

May is usually the time of the year when a fellow's thought turns to green forests, rippling streams, lakes—and how many fish he would catch if he could just get away from the irksome grind and petty detail of every-day life. He visions camping out by the side of a sparkling stream, far from the haunts of men, and cooking to a golden brown a string of bass or perch or channel cat.

A true fishing story is told by one of five fishermen who visited the big lake, near Fort Stockton, on the Leon Springs irrigation project, where bass and blue cat predominate.

The story will appear in the monthly magazine section of the Messenger on May 6th.

Shiloh M. E. Church.

Attend the services at Shiloh next Sunday. A good Baptist friend will preach in my absence, and no doubt better than L.—Oatler D. Gose.

Lillard Believes Sheep and Goats Pay in Wise

Does it pay to keep sheep and goats? Reports from the Lillard Ranch in Kinney county, Southwest Texas, are highly indicative that goats pay, at least. Mr. Lillard supplies the following figures. Thirty-five hundred head of goats are kept on the ranch, from which the recent shearing of eight thousand pounds of mohair were obtained from the kid or young stock, and fourteen hundred pounds from the old stock. The crop from the young stock sold for fifty-four cents per pound, and that from the old stock brought sixty-four cents. Total cash receipts from sales were \$5280.00. Another shearing will come in the fall with probable similar returns.

No feeding was required other than that furnished by the range. The sum total of expenses was what was paid out for fencing and the labor of one man attendant.

But, Mr. Lillard thinks Wise county is a good place to raise sheep and goats, and suggests that farmers think about the business with a view of getting into it when they can. He reasons that a few sheep should be kept on most farms and that a large number should be kept on a great many farms where there is ample range and more room.

Former Decatur Lady Died in California City

Death came suddenly Saturday evening at seven o'clock to Mrs. Lee Irvin Donald, wife of Guy D. Donald, district engineer, following a day spent in Los Angeles with her son, Douglas. Returning to San Pedro early in the afternoon, she stopped at one of the local stores, and on arriving at her home, 1147 Adams Court, complained of drowsiness. Later she fell into a sleep which lapsed into unconsciousness. A physician was called, but her condition was not regarded as serious until later in the afternoon, when a doctor was again summoned; but before his arrival, she had passed away.

Deceased was born February 14th, 1885, in Boone Terre, Missouri. She moved with her family in 1902 to Los Angeles. She was married to Mr. Donald in 1906, and for four years they made their home in Texas. In 1910 they removed to Los Angeles, where Mr. Donald has since been connected with the civil service. Since Mr. Donald's appointment as district engineer, they have made their home in San Pedro, where the family has scores of friends. Immediate survivors are her widower, Guy Donald, and son, Douglas, former high school student; brother, Derwood Irvin of Long Beach; mother, Mrs. Nancy Irvin of San Pedro. —San Pedro Paper.

The United States government has more scientific experts at work on the eradication of obnoxious insects than all the other nations of the world.

Approximately one hundred new words are added each year to the English language.

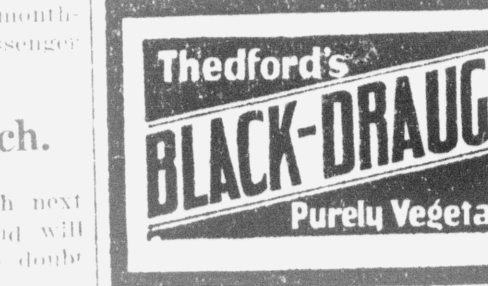
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"OCCASIONALLY I am troubled with spells of constipation," says Mrs. John L. Pence, Broadway, Va. "I always use Thedford's Black-Draught when I feel a spell of this kind coming on, for it saves me a bad headache. My color gets sallow at times. I get real yellow."

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And, remember, I manufacture, use and sell a poultry feed that I have thoroughly tested and will guarantee results. Will buy your poultry and eggs, and grind your corn. Come and see

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FARMERS HERE URGED TO WATCH FOR WEEVIL

M. E. Currie of Austin, inspector from the state department of agriculture, visited the chamber of commerce office last week while here to make an investigation of possible sweet potato weevil operations in the county. He reported the depredations of this insect to be very severe in a number of leading potato growing counties in South Texas; in fact, the last legislature passed a measure practically proscribing shipment of potatoes from infected counties.

Farmers in Wise county, who are free from the weevil, should be very careful to guard their premises from the approach of the destructive bug. Eggs and possibly weevils are transmitted from place to place on potato plants and slips that are brought in from infected districts and on other shipments. There are a number of counties in South Texas from which plants should not be imported. The state department of agriculture is now making examination of potato plant growing farms and issuing certificates testifying to non-infection. It is safe to buy these certified plants, said Mr. Currie.

It is believed that this terrific pest does not exist and it is to be hoped will not obtain a foothold in Wise county. Mr. Currie advised farmers here to be very careful and watchful. The weevil eats its way into the grown potato and ruffles the skins of their contents, and when they become bad as they are apt to do wherever started, no good potatoes are left in the patch.

In Bohemia the willow is said to be the tree on which Judas hanged himself, and it is supposed to have a special attraction for suicides.

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. A. Alexander, G. H. Alexander and Chas. Alexander, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published to appear at the next regular term of the county court of Wise County, to be held at the court house thereof in Decatur, Texas, on the first Monday in July, A. D. 1927, the same being the 4th day of July, A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 16th day of April, A. D. 1927 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 2574, wherein, Decatur Cash Grocery Company, a corporation, is plaintiff, and W. A. Alexander, G. H. Alexander and Chas. Alexander are defendants and said petition alleging that on the 2nd day of May, 1925, defendants W. A. Alexander and G. H. Alexander made, executed for a valuable consideration delivered to plaintiff their joint and several notes in the principal sum of \$153.45 due and payable to plaintiff in Wise County, Texas, on the 1st day of October, 1925, and providing for an additional sum of ten per cent on the principal amount then due by way of attorney fees if said note should not be paid at maturity; that said note is long past due and unpaid and defendants have failed and refused to pay the same, has been placed in the hands of an attorney for collection and suit instituted on same.

That on the 22nd day of May, 1925, plaintiff, at the special instance and request of the defendants Chas. Alexander and G. H. Alexander sold and delivered to them certain goods, wares and merchandise and groceries for the agreed sum and price of \$122.68, which said defendants Chas. Alexander and G. H. Alexander agreed jointly and severally to pay for, but which said sum they and each of them have failed and refused to pay or any part thereof.

That on the 22nd day of May, A. D. 1925, plaintiff, at the special instance and request of defendant G. H. Alexander, sold and delivered to him certain goods, wares and merchandise and groceries to the amount and in the sum of \$42.10, which said sum the said G. H. Alexander then agreed to pay plaintiff in Wise County, Texas, but that he has wholly failed and refused to pay the same or any part thereof.

That on the 25th day of July, 1925, plaintiff, at the special instance and request of the defendant G. H. Alexander, bargained, sold and delivered to said defendant certain goods, wares, merchandise and groceries to the amount and to the extent of \$96.15, which said sum said defendant then agreed to pay plaintiff in Wise County, Texas, but which he has wholly failed and refused to pay the same or any part thereof.

That all of said accounts above mentioned are long past due, and that plaintiff has been damaged to the extent and in the amounts as in said accounts respectively stated.

Plaintiff prays for judgment against W. A. Alexander and G. H. Alexander, jointly and severally, for the amount of the principal, interest and attorney fees as stated in said note; that it have judgment against Chas. Alexander and G. H. Alexander, jointly and severally, in the sum of \$122.68; and that it have judgment against G. H. Alexander, personally, in the further sum of \$42.10, costs of suit and such other and further relief in law and equity as it may be justly entitled to receive.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, Texas, on this the 16th day of April, A. D. 1927.—LORY D. WHITE, Clerk County Court, Wise County, Texas. By Clifton Hall, Deputy (Ap 22-MY 13)

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Please Mother by giving her this beautiful Artstyle Treasure Box on Mother's Day. Expresses the sentiment which is appropriate for this occasion. Delicious assorted chocolates which Mother will enjoy.

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30c size Listerine 25c
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A GOOD SODA OR SUNDAY
At our Fountain you'll find fresh, choice fruits, juices and creams, carefully prepared and very daintily served. Every soda and sundae served at our Fountain is especially prepared for you and we welcome any suggestion that will make our service or soda more pleasing to you.

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April 24-30
Begin the picture taking season right. Complete stocks of Kodaks and fresh films.

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Something new, something different you will like it. Beautiful silver tone finishing for your kodak pictures with a new individual border design. New border print for your kodak pictures will be found exclusively at the Renfro Drug Stores.

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\$1.00 Fellow's Syrup Hypo. 89c
\$1.50 Fellow's Syrup Hypo. \$1.24
30c Grove's Worm Syrup 28c
\$1.25 Gurtin's Nerve Syrup \$1.10
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35c Winslow's Soothing Sp. 33c

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50c Kolynos Tooth Paste 39c
25c Listerine Tooth Paste 21c
50c Pebecco Tooth Paste 39c
50c Pebsident Tooth Paste 39c
25c Sanitol Tooth Paste 23c
50c Sanitol Tooth Paste 15c
10c Squibb Mag. Tooth Paste 29c
50c Phillip Mag. Tooth Paste 45c
35c Forhan's Preparations 29c
60c Forhan's Preparations 39c
25c Lyon's Tooth Powder 23c
50c Lyon's Tooth Powder 47c
\$1.00 Pyorrhoea Powder 79c
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Electrex Percolator Reg. \$2.98 Special \$2.49
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35c Palmolive Shaving Cream 29c
50c Hind's Honey & Almond Cream 36c
35c D. & R. Cold Cream 30c
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\$1.20 Bromo Seltzer 79c
65c Glover's Mange Remedy 49c
Opeko Coffee 2 Lbs. 69c

FAT STOCK SHOW WAS GREATEST IN HISTORY

Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show held in Fort Worth last March not only established a new high gate receipts record but broke many other records, according to reports just submitted to the executive committee. A total of 125,000 persons attended the eight day event.

The largest exhibit of live stock ever shown in Fort Worth passed before the review of judges who went there from many states.

In announcing the attendance figures, Secretary-Manager J. B. Davis said that the number of visitors for 1927 out-numbered 1925 by 25,000. The fact that many of the guests at the show were from out-of-town points was evidenced by the fact that Fort Worth's hotels during exposition week experienced the greatest demand for rooms they have ever faced.

In 1926 a total of 1,556 stock were taken to the fat stock show. In 1927 the total reached 2,755, or an increase of 1,199. In 1926 seventy-four cars lots were shipped there for entrance at the exposition and the cars in 1927 the total reached one hundred and six. More states than ever before were represented by the live stock exhibits.

In only a few classes did the 1927 show out-number the recent event in the number of entries. There was a slight decrease in Angus. Large increases were shown in the Herefords, baby beef classes, Shorthorns and Jerseys. Baby beef entries reached nine hundred and fifteen, while in 1926 the total was seven hundred and seventy.

Rodeo, principal feature of entertainment of the exposition, played to capacity houses at practically every performance. Thousands of tickets for standing room were sold.

Paceant, opening event of the exposition, attracted thousands, some of whom were forced to stand. Governor Moody and the members of the legislature being present for this event helped attract the crowds, although the pageant has in nearly all cases sold out there.

Dates for the next show probably will be fixed at an early date. Because of the growth of the show, the exposition's staff will be kept intact so that all year efforts can be put forth to bring about an ever greater show next year.

Chevrolet Is Favorite in Nevada Gold Rush

Recalling the thrilling days of Virginia City, Goldfield and other famous Nevada mining camps in the period that succeeded the rush of the forty-niners to California, the new gold excitement at Weepah in Nevada now promises to provide more material for romantic press of day writers just as those early day mining camps gave inspiration to Elmer Hart and Jack Twain for their romantic fiction.

The father of the latest gold craze is Frank Horton Jr., the actual discoverer of the new lode, with Frank Horton Sr., as his guide and backer. Whether their gold claims warrant the wild excitement that has been aroused, or not, Weepah already is a flourishing community of some four hundred tents and cabins, with lively burrows, displayed in most cases either by shiny new automobiles or cars of ancient vintage.

Horton Sr. is said to be worth a million himself. He is a former California prospector and did not appear upon the scene of his sons' discovery until word of his boy's rich strike in Nevada was brought to him in his California home.

Early visitors to the camp found Chevrolet to be the favorite means of transportation among those busy engaged in mining operations. Automobiles were declared to be more economical, less muddy and far more trustworthy than the pack animals of an earlier era for the long trips across desert and mountain country which are incidents of a mining engineer and prospector's life.

Chevrolts may be found everywhere about the camp and the picture shown of the two Hortons was made only a short distance from "discovery" and almost in the center of this youthful and thriving community.

Spirit of Jean LaFitte Is Stalking the Land

Spirit of 1817 stalks about in the land again! The spirit of Jean LaFitte, bronzed and bearded buccaner whose nefarious enterprises have been exploited for more than a century, returns after a lapse of years. And lately reports have been circulated that bearded strangers have appeared in the places where LaFitte's treasures are said to have been buried, and have begun excavations in a search for the buried wealth. These strangers have visited Galveston Island, it is said, and left mysterious holes in the ground near the spot of LaFitte's old fort and "Red House." While living on Galveston Island, LaFitte built the Red House and the fort as a rendezvous for himself and his piratical crew.

There is romance and adventure in the story of "The Spirit of Jean LaFitte." Read it in the monthly magazine section of the Messenger, to be issued on May 6th.

American women over fifteen years of age one in four is a bread winner.

Wise County School Notes

By WALLACE GREGG, County Superintendent

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS AND ACTIVITIES CARRIED ON BY INSTITUTIONS OVER THE COUNTY.

College Entrance Examinations.

Examinations for college entrance credits will be held May 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th at Decatur, Sildell, Boyd, Bridgeport, Chico and Alvord.

A certain schedule will be followed in the examinations. English will be given between certain hours on one particular day and at no other time. This obtains for all subjects. This schedule will probably not be known until the morning of May 9th, when the several packages containing the questions are opened. It will thus be necessary that all applicants for these credits be present at the place of examination Monday morning, May 9th. A pupil may take one or more subjects as he pleases. The fee is one dollar regardless of the number of subjects taken by the pupil.

Among the Schools.

The play, "Brown Eyed Betty," was presented by the high school students at Sildell Saturday night.

Sweetwater school presented the last program of their closing exercises on Friday night of last week.

Sycamore school distinguished itself at the district meet at Denton thru the work of Annie Phillips and Grace Hall. Miss Phillips won first in the three-R contest by a wide margin, and Miss Hall second place in the rural essay contest.

Miss Virginia Freeman, principal of the Sycamore school, and Miss Phillips will go to Austin next week, where Miss Phillips will enter the state meet in the three-R contest. The people of Sycamore community are confident that Annie will bring home the silver trophy cup offered first place winner in this contest.

The present wild scramble among teachers for places another year reminds one of the game once in favor of young people's parties in which seats were provided for all players except one. The player left standing would then cry, "fruit basket," whereupon everyone seated had to hunt another place. In the scramble some one was sure to be left without a seat. It would seem that the teachers have heard the cry, "fruit basket," and have suddenly decided to vacate and get into the race for a new position. This condition is not best for either the teachers or the schools. Trustees will do well to keep good teachers on the job wherever possible. The best system of schools can not be developed with a yearly turnover in the personnel of the teaching force. A teacher can not develop and work on any consistent policy of procedure under three or more years in the same position. The teachers should also remember that holding the same position two or more years is the best recommendation that can be offered.

Sildell school board recently received Miss Berna Chambers for her third year, and Misses Bethel White and Verma Barnes for their second years with that school.

Term reports are coming in rapidly just now and most of them show are in gathering the required data. Mrs. Ida Holmes of the Pleasant Valley school, near Bridgeport, has the distinction of having turned in the next best and most carefully worked out report reaching the office to date.

County School Board Meeting.

County school board met in special session on April 22nd and ordered the reestablishment and re-definition of the boundaries of the West Academy school district. This order was a necessary preliminary to ordering an election to determine whether the district should issue bonds for a new school building.

By order of the board this action

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A Word With the Old Folks

Elderly People Are Learning Importance of Good Elimination.

IN the later years of life there is apt to be a slowing up of the bodily functions. Good elimination, however, is just as essential to the old as to the young. Many old folks have learned the value of Doan's Pills when a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys is required. Scanty or burning passages of kidney secretions are often signs of improper kidney function. In most every community are scores of users and endorsers who acclaim the merit of Doan's. Ask your neighbor!

DOAN'S PILLS 60c
Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys
Foster-Milburn Co., Mfg. Chem., Buffalo, N. Y.

will be supplied next year with a new system of keeping the school accounts.

The board appointed H. E. Wilson trustee at Newark.

Attention, High School Seniors.

In the April number of the Texas School Journal we find this interesting guess at the value of an education:

"If you have a high school education your life is worth eighty-three times as much as if you had only a common school education, and eighty-seven times as much as if you had no education. If you have a literal education your life is worth nine and one-third times as much as if you had only a high school education; two hundred and fifteen times as much as if you had only a common school education, and eight hundred and seventeen times as much as if you had no education. Of the notables in 'Who's Who' out of ten thousand men considered successful seven thousand seven hundred have had a college training."

You young men and women who are completing your high school courses owe it to yourselves to further develop your native abilities in college. Make "Go for College" your motto.

Office Announcements.

This office is indebted to W. J. Livengood of Draco school district No. 95 for a complete list of trustees for next year. His list also indicates the president and secretary of the board. We need such a list from every school district and will greatly appreciate the receipt of one.

The following excerpt from a letter from Superintendent S. M. N. Morris will interest trustees and high school pupils:

"House Bill No. 463 requires the trustees of school districts to pay the tuition of resident high school students who can not receive instruction in their home districts. The act provides that if by payment of said tuition the interests of local elementary schools are affected detrimentally, application shall be made thru the county board of school trustees to the state for reimbursement for the amount of tuition paid, which must not exceed three dollars per month. No appropriation was made at the regular session of the legislature, but an appropriation of \$200,000 will be requested at the special session. The act will not become effective until September 1st of this year.

"House Bill No. 226 permits the holder of a permanent primary certificate built upon a first grade to teach such high school subjects as were included in the examination given to obtain the certificate.

"House Bill No. 89 requires the county board of school trustees on or before September 1st of each year to ascertain from the county depository the financial status of the common school districts of the county and to authorize the depository to charge

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon S. L. Jackson, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise County, to be holden at the court house thereof in Decatur, Texas, on the last Monday in May, A. D. 1927, the same being the 20th day of May, A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 14th day of April, A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 5640, wherein Mrs. Lillie Jackson is plaintiff and S. L. Jackson is defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff is a bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas and has so resided in said state for more than twelve months and has actually resided in Wise County for more than six months next preceding the filing of this petition; that on the 31st day of December, 1925, she was a widow by the name of Mrs. Melvin Crisp; that on said day she was lawfully married to defendant and lived with him until the 9th day of February, 1926, at which time defendant, without just cause, abandoned plaintiff, since which time they have not lived together as husband and wife.

Plaintiff alleges as cause for said separation cruel, harsh and tyrannical treatment on the part of defendant toward plaintiff; that such action on the part of defendant renders further living together of plaintiff and defendant as man and wife insupportable.

Plaintiff prays judgment dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant and for a decree awarding to her as her separate estate all of lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 48 situated in the town of Southland, in Garza County, Texas, for costs of suit and for such other and further relief in law and in equity as she may be justly entitled to receive.

Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, Texas, this 14th day of April, A. D. 1927.—J. C. ALEXANDER, Clerk of District Court, of Wise County, Texas. (Apr 22-May 13)



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